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'Born Again' anthem at First Presbyterian

For its anthem during its service at 11 a.m. today, First Presbyterian Church of Bay St. Louis will debut a short work entitled "Born Again," written by church music director Bill Shraberg.

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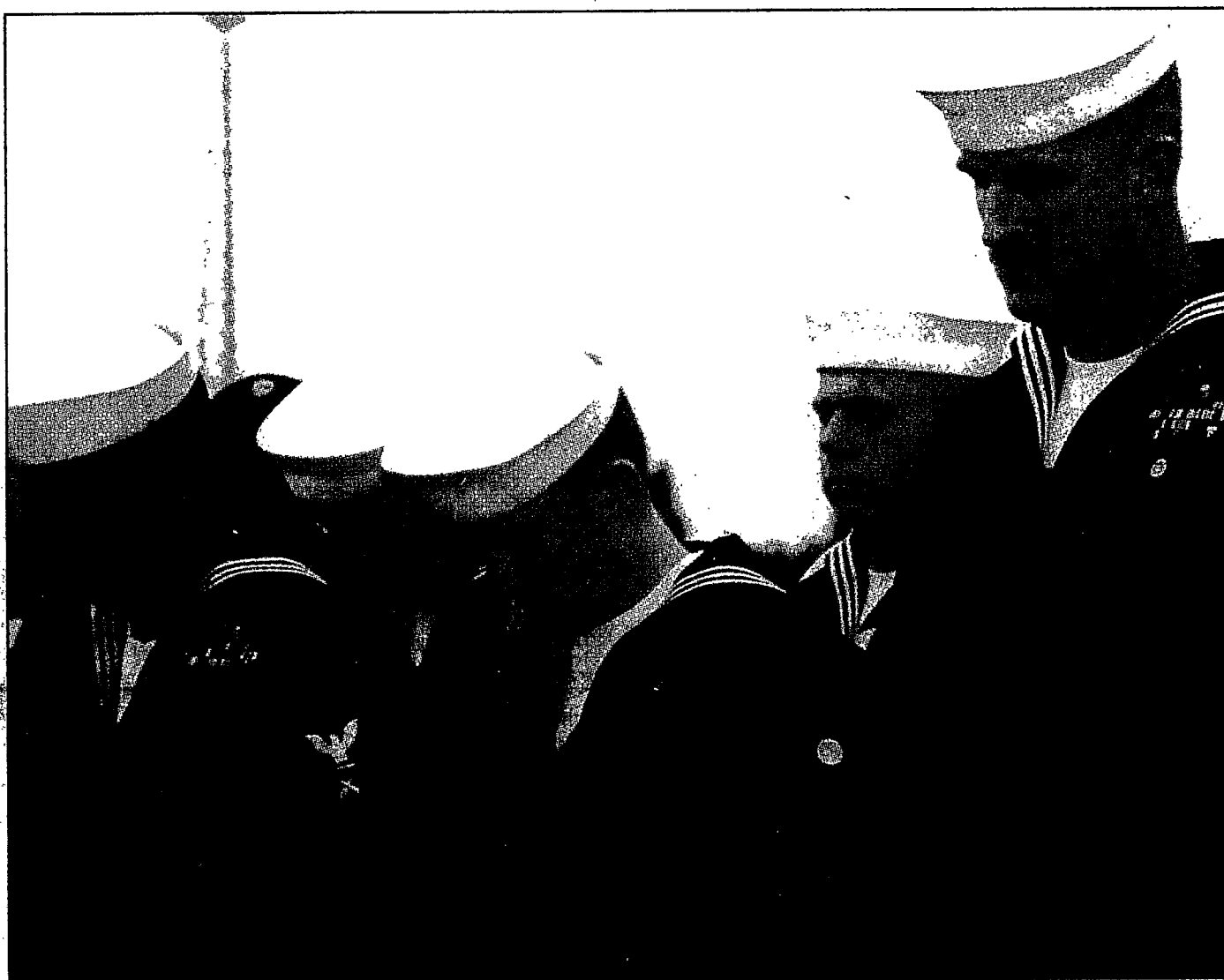
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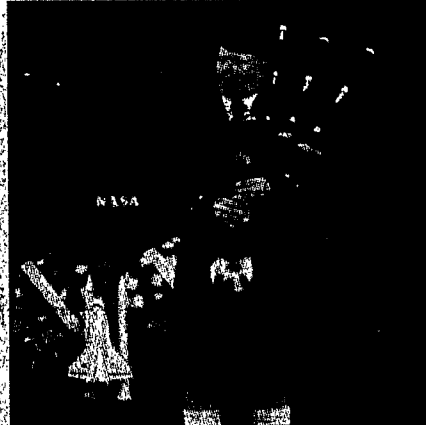
Columbia: In Memoriam



Distinguished military and community guests joined Stennis Space Center employees for a memorial service Thursday at the center. The memorial honored NASA astronauts Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown and Laurel Clark and Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, who died Saturday, Feb. 1, aboard Space Shuttle Columbia as the shuttle was en route to landing at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Participants included NASA's Robert Lightfoot, far left, director of propulsion testing; security patrolmen Don Kuylen and Josh Jordan, with flag; Stennis Space Center Director Bill Parsons; and Deputy Director Michael Rudolph.

Visitors at the Launch Pad at the Hancock County Welcome Center sign memorial books Friday for the seven astronauts who lost their lives aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia. Seven books, one for each astronaut's family, will remain at the Launch Pad for a week. The books will be forwarded to the families of the astronauts by Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes. Everyone is welcome to sign the books.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter



A bagpiper plays at the memorial service Thursday as the Columbia flag is retired and presented to Stennis Director Bill Parsons.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Hancock singers among Coast delegation to NY's Carnegie Hall

Chorale will perform for world-renowned composer John Rutter

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Seventeen singers from the Gulf Coast will board a New York-bound plane Monday morning in the hopes of impressing a world-renowned conductor/composer.

These vocalists, who make up the Coast Chorale, were invited to sing at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 13 under the direction of John Rutter, who recently composed "Psalm 150" for Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee.

The Coast Chorale will join 10 other ensembles from across the United States and Canada to participate in the U.S. premiere of Rutter's work, which was the anthem for the queen on the

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Pictured from left are (first row) Jacqueline Williams, Judith Stevens, Marie Donavill, (second row) Mary Ann Schnur, Cecilia Howe, Joy Mehrtens, (third row) Pat Gibbons, Janice Gleson, Peg Walton, Vivian Jensen, (fourth row) Reg Morken, Jim Schnur, Eric Melndi and Tom Tatum. Not pictured are Angela Brown, Candace Kemp and Vickie Melndi.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Property owners: watch for tax hikes

Hancock man says his taxes tripled without notice

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Even though the Tax Assessor's Office notified residents of changes in property values due to reassessment this year as a courtesy, don't depend on a notification to alert you to rising taxes in coming years.

"It is the responsibility of the property owner to check the land rolls. We are not required to sent out notification," said Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmy

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OLA, SSC both win state titles in soccer

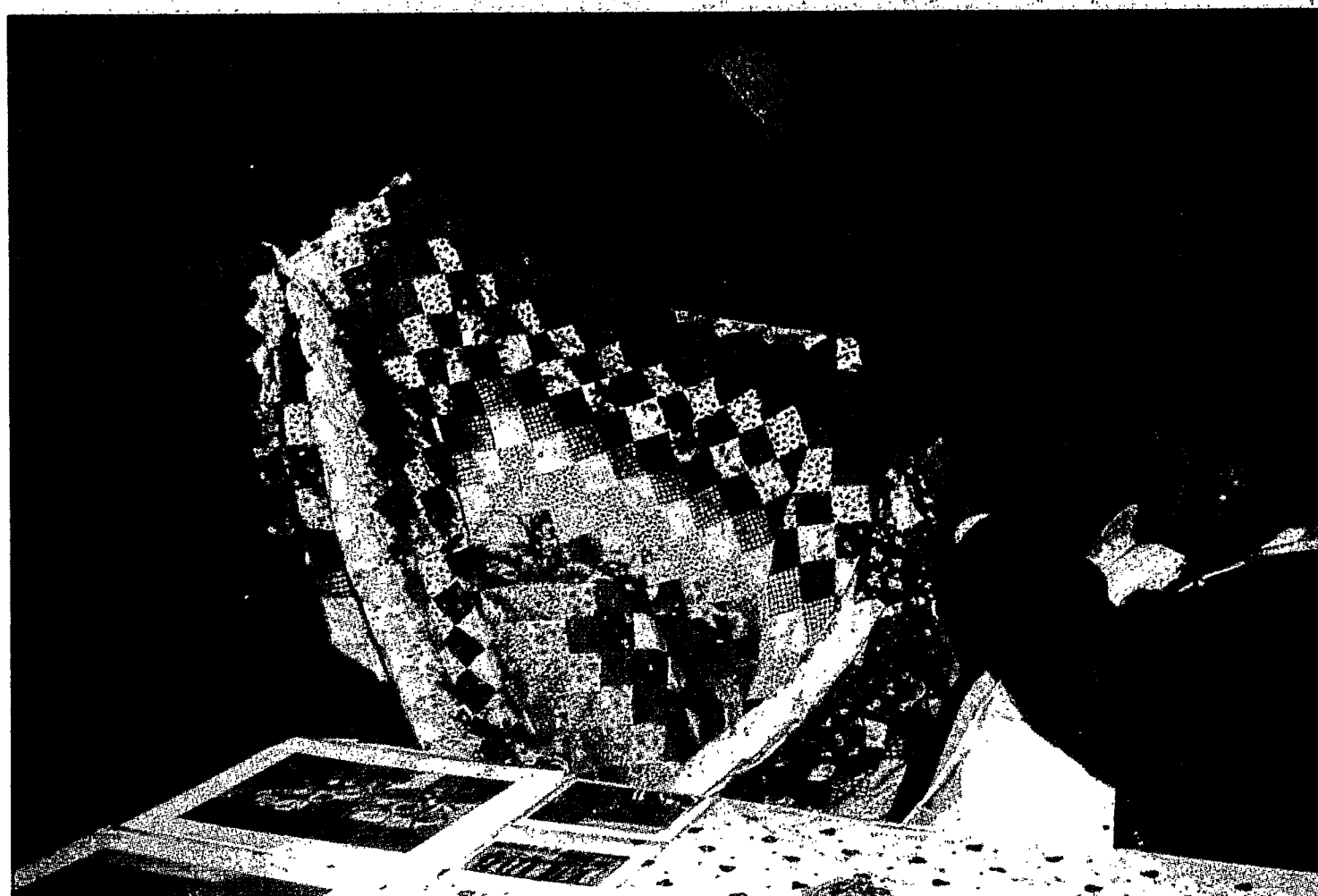
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The Our Lady Academy Crescents soccer team on Saturday earned an unprecedented fourth consecutive class 1-2-3A state soccer title.

The Crescents defeated the St. Joseph Lady Saints — for the third year in a row — to win the title.

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Back to School



Works of art created by seniors were on display at Charles P. Murphy Elementary School on Friday. Deloris L. Wilson, right, and Yoshiko Estapa (not pictured) demonstrated quilt making techniques. Theresa James, left, displayed her paintings of Southern scenes. Hazel Dunnes, center, admires their handiwork.

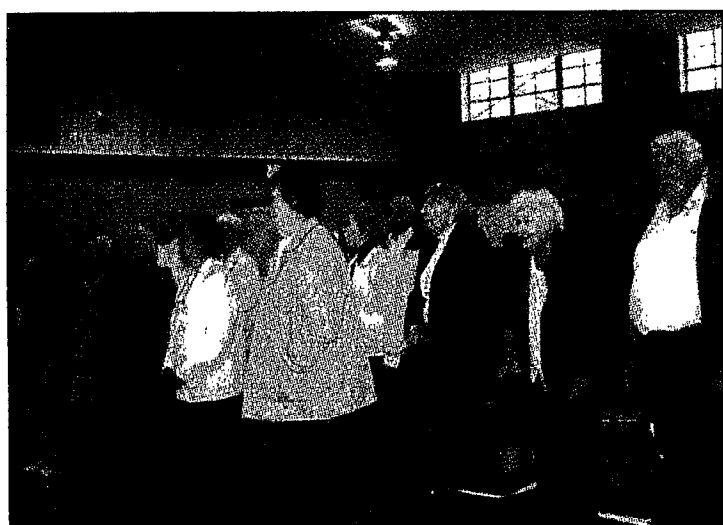
Hancock seniors entertain at CBM to celebrate Black History Month

Representatives from the Hancock County Senior Center entertained children at Charles P. Murphy Elementary School in Pearlinton as part of their tribute to Black History Month. Earlier in the day, the seniors entertained visitors at the Hancock County Welcome Center.



The children at Charles P. Murphy Elementary School joined in the singing led by visitors from the Hancock County Seniors Center on Friday at their Black History Celebration.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shalibetter



Seniors danced and led children in songs of the South at Charles P. Murphy Elementary School at Friday's celebration of Black History.

Valentine concert at Trinity Episcopal

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The original compositions of pianist/composer Jim Ballard will be featured in a Valentine "Sounding Celebration" on Friday, February 14, at 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 Church Avenue, Pass Christian. Suggested donation is \$10.

Ballard is a former Bay St. Louis resident and teacher of piano and voice on the Coast.

He served as a music minister at Keesler Air Force Base, director of music at Diamondhead

United Methodist Church and accompanist for the Bay Area Chorale.

He holds a music degree from USM. As a composer, he has written songs and choral works and collaborated on a musical. His work has been performed in the U.S. and Europe.

In 2002, he released a CD with Sarah Benson titled "MOTHER, GAIA, MAGA: Healing Music for the Earth. He was an architect for 20 years before turning to music and sound healing.

For information, call Holly Hayden, 467-7285.

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Arrest

Editor's note: This is a correction to the article on page 1A, "Arrests in Hancock County," which appeared in the Feb. 7 issue. The article incorrectly stated that the arrest of Walter Lumpkin was the only arrest in the county for any crime.

Arrests
Due to a correction to the jail log, the following arrests in Hancock County were not listed in the Feb. 7 issue: Walter Lumpkin, 36, contempt of court; Bobbi Lumpkin, 36, possession of a controlled substance; Edward Lumpkin, 36, simple assault; Robert Lumpkin, 36, public drunkenness; George Lumpkin, 36, carrying a concealed weapon; Julian Lumpkin, 36, carrying a concealed weapon; David Lumpkin, 42, DUI (1st); Robert Lumpkin, 42, DUI (1st); no proof of belt violation; Clyde Lumpkin, 42, disorderly conduct; Kara Lumpkin, 42, drunk; Wayne Lumpkin, 42, domestic assault; Willie Lumpkin, 42, pending driver's license; Juan Lumpkin, 42, no driver's license; Michael Lumpkin, 42, simple assault; Nicholas Lumpkin, 42, simple assault.

Arrests include:
• Jason Lumpkin, 22, burglar;
• Walter Lumpkin, 36, contempt of court;
• Bobbi Lumpkin, 36, possession of a controlled substance;
• Edward Lumpkin, 36, simple assault;
• Robert Lumpkin, 36, public drunkenness;
• George Lumpkin, 36, carrying a concealed weapon;
• Julian Lumpkin, 36, carrying a concealed weapon;
• David Lumpkin, 42, DUI (1st);
• Robert Lumpkin, 42, DUI (1st);
• no proof of belt violation;
• Clyde Lumpkin, 42, disorderly conduct;
• Kara Lumpkin, 42, drunk;
• Wayne Lumpkin, 42, domestic assault;
• Willie Lumpkin, 42, pending driver's license;
• Juan Lumpkin, 42, no driver's license;
• Michael Lumpkin, 42, simple assault;
• Nicholas Lumpkin, 42, simple assault.

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BY ECHO
Public
A security guard on an apartment complex in the "Seek'gar" location in Mississippi in Hancock County Sunday night to Hancock County Investigator Lambe. The guard was reportedly shot in the light area.

Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Jan. 31 to Feb. 7. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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CORRECTION

Due to a misspelling on the jail log at the Hancock County Justice Facility, Hulon Lumpkin was accidentally included in the Arrest Record as having been arrested for trespassing in last Sunday's edition of the Sea Coast Echo. The name should have read Herlon Lumpkin. Hulon Lumpkin was not arrested for any charge.

Arrests from last week include:

- Jason Anthony Delle, 22, burglary
- Walter T. Switzer, Jr., 36, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Bobbie Jo Salay, 27, possession of controlled substance
- Edward A. Carver, 35, simple assault
- Robert E. White, 31, public drunk
- George W. Jones, 21, carrying concealed weapon
- Julian L. Hurte, 21, carrying concealed weapon
- David James Lowery, 42, DUI (1st)
- Robert J. Scelson, 38, DUI (1st), careless driving, no proof of insurance, seat belt violation
- Clyde C. Koerner, 28, disorderly conduct
- Kara Smith, 33, public drunk
- Wayne Everett Goff, 37, domestic assault
- Willie T. Smith, 22, suspended driver's license, no insurance
- Juan Rosales, 26, DUI, no driver's license, no insurance
- Michael Paul Claudel, 38, simple assault (domestic)
- Nichlos Schwartz, 33, contempt of court, disorderly conduct, (warrant)
- Billy Kiplin Allen, 36, simple assault (domestic)
- Ronald A. Goodman, 52, telephone harassment, (warrant)
- Amanda McGuire, 18, disturbance of peace, (warrant)
- Patricia Goodman, 35, disturbance of peace, phone harassment, (warrant)
- David F. Arcuri, 47, simple assault (domestic)
- David James Manasco, 24, public drunk
- Steven P. Gabbert, 38, public drunk
- Joseph Lewis Vandergrift, 21, DUI (2nd), suspended driver's license, careless driving
- Marcel J. Whavers, 28, simple assault (domestic)
- Michael Quatro, 43, DUI (1st), simple assault (domestic)
- Christopher J. Leitz, 24, public drunk
- Creighton L. Petrich Jr., 31, DUI (1st), refused test
- Phillip Bermond, 46, DUI (3rd)
- David W. Craig, 47, possession of stolen property
- Norene Toups, 41, DUI (1st) (other)
- Richard L. Cotrell, 24, hold for Pearl River Sheriff's Office
- Nathaniel B. Cochran, 26, suspended driver's license, careless driving, leaving scene of accident, no proof of insurance
- Katy June Becker, 23, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- William Vontoure, 59, parole violation
- Bobby Gene Stimits, 42, DUI (1st), driving on suspended driver's license, no headlights, reckless driving, no insurance
- Talbert T. Brown, 56, hold for Hattiesburg
- Gary Lee Hope, 35, possession of controlled substance
- Tabitha Deschamp, 30, public drunk
- Paul Langston, 39, DUI, refused test, disorderly conduct, no proof of insurance
- Patrick McKenna, 24, parole violation, (warrant)
- Shelia Jean Ely, 42, contempt of court (failure to pay), bad checks, (warrant)
- Dominic Joseph Haberman, 33, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Daniel J. Swanier, 61, suspended driver's license, no insurance, hold for Harrison County
- Patrick D. Fisher, 37, residential burglary
- Genevieve Dennis, 58, aggravated assault (domestic)
- Francisco Maya, 40, simple assault (domestic)
- Tracie Ann Lewis, 35, contempt of court (failure to pay)
- Leon Perret III, 20, malicious mischief, trespassing, (warrant)
- Sim J. Strain, 20, malicious mischief, trespassing, (warrant)
- Michael Rudiger, 20, malicious mischief, trespassing, (warrant)
- Ricky L. Self, 51, contempt of court (failure to pay)
- Jessica L. Morano, 22, shoplifting, (warrant)
- Scott William Bell, 21, possession of stolen firearm
- Dee Ann Dunne, 47, contempt of court (failure to pay, failure to appear), school attendance
- Gregory T. Jackson, 37, careless driving, suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd)
- John A. January III, 33, simple assault (domestic)
- Richard W. Reeves Jr., 41, careless driving, DUI (1st), refused test, no driver's license
- Kenneth P. Lee, 41, suspended driver's license, careless driving
- Thomas E. Grimsley, 54, contempt of court (warrant)
- Charlie T. Grimsley, 25, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Bryan M. Dulworth, 19, sale of controlled substance, (warrant)

Lawmakers looking for ways to reduce prison pop.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi lawmakers and corrections officials say the state has saved \$11.6 million since July 1, 2001, from a law that reduced mandatory prison sentences to 25 percent for certain nonviolent offenders.

They are now looking for other ways to reduce prisoners' numbers and save more money.

"We don't have enough money to house the number of inmates we have," said House Penitentiary Committee Chairman Bennett Malone, D-Carthage. "The only way to get a handle on it is to lower the number of offenders in prison."

Malone supports a bill to allow trustees to receive 30 days of trusty time, rather than 10, for each 30 days served, leading to quicker release. Another bill would remove the 180-day cap from meritorious earned time inmates can accumulate for earlier release.

Corrections Commissioner Chris Epps said passage of the two bills could save as much as \$18 million.

Epps said 49.34 percent of its offenders are in prison rather than on probation and parole, more than twice the national incarceration average of 23.16 percent.

"If we lowered our prison population, we could reduce our staffing, which is your greatest cost," Epps said.

Corrections officials say 885 inmates have been released under the law that reduced prison time for some offenders.

Malone said many voters may not be aware that MDOC's budget has increased from \$203 million in 1998 to \$282 million with a \$32 million deficit request in 2003. He conceded lawmakers may be hesitant to vote for shorter prison stays during an election year.

"If we don't do something, we will be coming back here one day passing a tax increase for more prisons," Malone said. "We are not at the point like some states which are wholesale releasing prisoners because of a lack of space. It is our job to keep that from happening."

MDOC projects that by 2012 the 2003 inmate population of 20,227 will rise

above MDOC capacity to 23,594.

Epps said the \$296 million budget for 2004, which begins July 1, will rise if populations continue to increase despite cost-cutting measures that range from installing a double perimeter fence at the state penitentiary at Parchman to eliminating guard towers and personnel and renegotiating for lower medical costs.

"I guarantee you it will be above \$300 million when we make our (fiscal year 2005) budget request next fall," Epps said.

Malone said there is a lack of uniform sentencing guidelines in the state, which has a negative impact on first-time offenders, such as those eligible for release under the 2001 law.

"One person may get two years in one county, but another 10 for the same offense somewhere else," Malone said. "A first-time offender is not doing any good spending that much time in jail because it's

tougher for them to return to a job and society."

Malone said MDOC is working to start a program to put inmates to work in poultry plants in Leake and Scott counties, which could significantly reduce corrections costs if successful.

"The poultry industry needs dependable workers and ours would be at work every day," Malone said.

Inmate wages would go to MDOC to pay for their transportation, housing and medical costs with the remainder going to any existing family.

"It would teach them work ethic, while helping the families and the Department of Human Services," said Malone, noting the money to families would lower demands on DHS for assistance. "They could continue to work at the same job after their release."

"These are the kind of things we have to do to get this thing turned around and get a handle on the corrections budget."



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Bay St. Louis Police Lt. Don Oco, left, reads off identification number of Michael Stoute's bicycle to Sgt. Richard Hannah on Saturday. Sicily's sponsored the bicycle registration along with the Bay Police Department's Community Policing. Sicily's donated a free coupon for a small pizza to all those who registered their bicycles. Oco and Hannah said the registration helps police locate the owners of bikes if they are stolen or misplaced.

'Hide and Seek' alerts Ctr. guard

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A security guard alerted on an apparent 'Hide and Seek' game using GPS for location at the I-10 Mississippi Welcome Center in Hancock County, early Sunday morning, according to Hancock County Chief Investigator Bob Lambert.

Lambert said, "The security guard noticed two suspicious males with a flash light around 6:40 a.m., as if

they were searching for something in the grass. As he approached they fled in a dark brown pickup.

The guard was unable to get the tag number. A short time later the vehicle returned and made a quick exit."

"During a search of the area, the guard found a plastic 35m film container at the base of a tree. Inside the small canister on small pieces of paper were dates

and coordinates listed. One note contained, 'GEO inside checked over source pleased history of Mississippi.' then gave a web site with coordinates on some type of treasure hunt using GPS as a guide," Lambert added.

In checking the contents and based on information received from the canister and web site, Lambert said, "Apparently the two were involved in some type of a 'Hide and Seek' game."

Child safety seat check is Monday

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There will be a Car seat check up event from 3:30-5 p.m. at Little Saints Academy in Bay Saint Louis on Monday.

The event is sponsored by: Mississippi Safe Kids Campaign in conjunction with Bay St. Louis Police Department and Little Saints.

The event is open to the public. Certified technicians will be available to check the car seats for age/weight appropriateness, proper installation, and to ensure that the manufacturer has not recalled the car seat. Child safety seats, when correctly installed and used, can prevent injury and save lives. Car seats reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants under age 1 and by 54 percent for toddlers ages 1 to 4 when properly used and installed.

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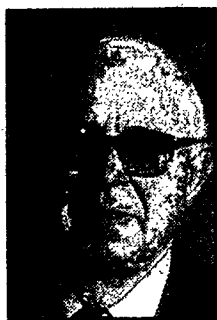


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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Mark your calendars now for Relay for Life

I know it is several months ahead, but a lot of preparations are already underway for the annual Relay for Life to be held in Hancock County.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is very important as it is the nation's largest fund raiser.

On the local level, David Mayley, is the Relay for Life chair and American Cancer Society volunteer.

This past week a Captains meeting was held at Coast Electric, and there is still room for many more teams to participate in the Relay for Life which is scheduled for the night of Friday, May 2.

The Hancock County Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center is site for the Relay for Life to be held.

Money raised from the event benefits valuable cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services, all avenues leading one day to a cure for cancer.

During the Relay for Life night, a great time is had by all participants. There are outrageous team themes, decorating campsites, playing games and eating delicious food.

To get further information, or to register for Relay for Life, call 1-(800) ACS-2345 or David Mayley at 467-4336, www.cancer.org.

I hope to see your team on the night of the Relay for Life.

This past weekend I was out trimming my crepe myrtle trees, as it really helps in the production of flowers in

mid-summer.

The trees are dormant at this time of year and I am told it is the time to trim them.

A little trimming and some fertilizer sure brings out the flowers on crepe myrtles.

This is really the time of year for folks to start thinking about their Spring gardening, this is for flowers and vegetables too.

It will not be too long before it is time to plant Irish potatoes. I am thinking about planting a few potatoes in my compost pile.

There was a time when Jane and I would plant all types of vegetables, but those days are behind us now.

Yet, nothing tastes better than a fresh picked tomato from one's own garden.

I wish every luck with their flower and vegetable gardens this year.

Hopefully it will not be too dry, or wet.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee will be holding its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, February 11, 10 a.m. at the chamber's office.

Among the topics of discussion will be the Spring Cleanup prior to the Annual Spring Pilgrimage.

More and more folks are becoming concerned about the appearance of our community and this is very good.

Everyone can make a difference. Interested parties are invited to attend Tuesday's meeting.

Lott for gov.? 'And they all laughed ...'

They all laughed in August, 2001 when I suggested that Trent Lott could be ousted as Senate Majority Leader by his GOP colleagues, then turn around and run for governor of Mississippi in 2003.

And here's the big kicker: He could run for governor without resigning his Senate seat, since his term runs until 2006.

Now that Trent has been toppled as Majority Leader and intends to hold onto his Senate seat, the Lott-for-governor-'03 scenario looms as a lot more than a fantasy cooked up by this columnist.

My hunch is this scenario has a 50-50 possibility of happening. Knowing something about how the Mississippi electorate reacts when it thinks one of "its

own" has been victimized by out-of-staters, I would rate Lott's chances of being elected governor as quite good.

Certainly if a match-up between Lott and Mississippi's Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove happened, it would draw droves of the national news media in here like nowhere else in the country.

Admittedly, 18 months ago I didn't dream that Trent Lott would so totally self-destruct as GOP Leader by uttering the ultimate gaffe at Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party, implying Jim Crowism would have been good for America if it elected Strom and his segregationist Dixiecrats in 1948.

Trent did it all to himself, with no help from me.

If Lott came back home and got Mississippians to

heal his wounds of being stripped of from power in Washington by making him their governor, it wouldn't be the first time that has happened in Mississippi politics.

Significantly, a Trent idol in Lott's political coming-of-age years - then-U.S. Rep. John Bell Williams - did very much the same thing back in 1967.

John Bell had been stripped by the House Democratic Party leadership of his seniority and House committee assignments because he publicly endorsed, and campaigned for, Republican standard-bearer Barry Goldwater in the 1964 presidential election.

Williams, however, had not switched his party affiliation. He remained what then was euphemistically called a "Mississippi Democrat."

In this state, "Mississippi" Democrats still controlled the state

Democratic Party election machinery. And so John Bell, in an up-yours gesture to the National Democratic Party, put himself on the ballot as a candidate for governor in the 1967 Mississippi Democratic primary.

But he also kept his seat as Mississippi's Congressman from the 4th District, with another year left on his two-year term.

Not only did John Bell run for governor, HE WON, playing his martyrdom at the hands of the National Democratic Party to the fullest. His 1967 race is also regarded in the annals of Mississippi political history as the state's last overtly racist gubernatorial campaign.

Of note, the man Williams defeated was William Winter, now acknowledged to be the state's distinguished elder statesman. The election of

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Opinion to Adams dated
Sept. 27, 2002)

Q May a school board allow non-school operated vendors to establish concession areas at ball games and other extracurricular events where food and beverages would be sold?

A Allowing independent contractors to establish concession areas on school property during ball games or extracurricular events would constitute the granting of a license which would require the approval of the school board and the assessment of a reasonable fee, which could be in the form of a negotiated percentage of all sales of food and beverages at the events.

The proceeds derived by the school district from the sale of food and beverages must be accounted for as are other activity funds pursuant to Section 37-7-301(gg).

(Attorney General's

Q May a school board continue to pay the premium for an employee's medical coverage after his/her medical leave has expired?

A An employee is considered full time so long as he is receiving compensation from his employer, a portion of which is being distributed into the State retirement plan.

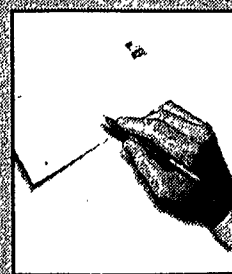
This compensation may be in the form of payment for work performed, medical or personal (vacation) leave. If the employee is not receiving compensation from one of these sources and is not making contributions to the State of Mississippi retirement plan, then the district would have no authority to continue to pay the health insurance premiums for the employee.

(Attorney General's
Opinion to Mayfield dated
September 30, 2002)

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Tourism week was a tremendous success

Dear Editor,
A great big "thank you" to Beth Carriere, Casino Magic and Hancock County for an excellent week! The Governor's conference on tourism was great. The guest speakers, parties and accommodations were beyond our expectations. During our week we visit-

ed John C. Stennis Space Center and the Hancock County Welcome Center, where we were so graciously greeted by their friendly staff. We also enjoyed shopping the wonderful shops in Old Town Bay St. Louis. Once again the hospitality was greatly appreciated.
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Minor -- they all laughed

Winter, John Bell had warned voters then, "will insure Negro domination of Mississippi elections for generations to come."

Poetically, Trent Lott's resume reveals that as a budding young political activist in the latter 1960s he was a Jackson County campaign leader for John Bell Williams.

Doubtless, it would take a lot of pushing and shoving for Lott to get Haley Barbour to stand aside as the GOP gubernatorial standard-bearer, but it could be done. Especially if Barbour, and the Mississippi GOP brass figured it was best to circle the wagons and back Trent.

Perhaps it wouldn't be too difficult to persuade

Haley to stay close to his pot of gold in Washington as the fattest cat lobbyist on Capitol Hill. Thus far, Barbour has only filed notice of forming a Barbour for Governor political action committee.

Trent might be defrocked in D.C., but down here in Mississippi, political thinking is on a different wavelength. Thus, it is not at all impossible, nor even unlikely, for that matter, that Lott couldn't be elected governor if he put his name on the ballot. We seem to have an odd sense of martyrdom down here.

It worked quite well for John Bell Williams when he used it in 1967. I even remember once in 1959 when Ross Barnett dumbly

hopped out of a small campaign airplane into a moving propeller that cracked several ribs, hospitalizing him three weeks, he picked up a big sympathy vote.

The idea of seeking the governorship is not new for Lott. He had entertained it on at least two occasions. Back in the early 1980s he made an abortive bid to get the Republican State Committee to anoint him as the party's next gubernatorial standard-bearer.

However, he was persuaded to wait until 1988 to make his move to win the seat of retiring Sen. John C. Stennis.

But even later after he was in the Senate, Lott was known to have hired Dick Morris (he of Bill Clinton

venue) to do some polling on his gubernatorial chances.

Evidently why the governorship has appealed to Lott is that as governor he would gain control of the state GOP executive committee, something he has failed to do in the past when he has challenged his Senate rival, Thad Cochran, for committee control.

Suppose Lott won the governor's race, how could he make sure a good Republican would be appointed to replace him and not a Democrat named by Musgrove? As this writer described in August, 2001, it could be done by a hat trick at the time he is sworn into office as governor.

A moment before he's sworn in as governor, he

resigns his Senate seat, and immediately after the swearing in, he appoints Haley Barbour to the Senate vacancy.

What must not be overlooked is that Trent Lott still has \$2 million or better in his campaign committee kitty, a tidy sum he could convert as a starter in his governor's race.

We've heard one surprise shoe drop in the political saga of Trent Lott. Is there another one coming? He'd have until March to decide on a gubernatorial bid, and in politics that's an eon.

By the way, in that August, 2001 column, the senator's name I mentioned as the likely replacement of Lott as Majority Leader was Bill Frist of Tennessee.

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Mississippi Power Manager for External Communications Kurt Brautigam, Bay St. Louis Rotary Club President Amy Corr and Mississippi Power Manager for Bay St. Louis Rex Gilbert at a recent Rotary Club meeting.



Photo by Bob Hubbard
Gwen Impson, of the Arts Council of Hancock County, recently spoke about the council's plans for the county to the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club. Impson, left, is pictured with Rotary Club President Amy Corr.

PRCC offers ACT testing, registration

Pearl River Community College is a participating institution in the American College Testing (ACT) program and serves as a testing center on all national test dates.

The ACT Assessment includes four curriculum-based tests that measure students' educational development in English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. Each of the ACT tests is constructed to measure knowledge and skills typically taught in high

school that are important for successfully completing a college education. ACT Assessment scores are required for students seeking admission to PRCC and are also used to determine course placement in English, mathematics and reading.

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USCG checking registration

In recent weeks, state boating officials have noticed a significant drop in boat registration renewals. "People are failing to renew their state boat registrations, and this is affecting the revenue coming into the agency in the form of grant money from the U.S. Coast Guard," according to state boating law administrator Maj. Kenny Neely.

Neely says he and his boating coordinators know that Mississippi has many more boats than are currently registered.

He said that within the next few weeks, DWFP boating officers will begin patrolling marinas, lakes, rivers, and other public







waterways looking for boats with expired registrations.

Boating registration decline

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FILE NO. HN-14-02

THREE D. BRIDGET
1538 PIETY STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70117
JOYCE BRIDGET
P.O. BOX 3564
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS. 39521
JOEY D. CATELLE
140 OAKLAND STREET
KENNER, LA. 70052
CITIFINANCIAL INC.
P.O. BOX 3118
GULFPORT, MS. 39565

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY

You are hereby notified that on October 25, 2002 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Narcotics Division pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-153. Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176 provides for the administrative forfeiture of property other than a controlled substance, raw material or paraphernalia seized under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, the value of which does not exceed \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

1992 Ford Taurus
VIN #1FACPS00XNG245028
APPROX. VALUE
\$13,300.00

Said vehicle being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(4) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use, to transport or to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession or concealment of controlled substances or property described in §41-29-153(a)(2) in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

TO CONTEST THE FORFEITURE:

If you claim an interest in the above-described property which is subject to the notice under Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176, and wish to contest the forfeiture you must within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice or of the date of the first publication of this Notice, file a petition signed by you contesting the forfeiture and requesting judicial review in the county court, if a county court exists, or otherwise in the circuit court of the county in which the seizure is made or the county (and district) in which the criminal prosecution is brought, in order to claim an interest in the property. Upon the filing of the Petition and the payment of the filing fees, service of the petition shall be made on the attorney for the seizing law enforcement agency, and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PETITION:

Pursuant to Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 10, the Petitioner requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture should contain a caption setting forth (1) the name of court, (2) the title of the action including all of the names of the parties, (3) the file number and (4) a designation as in Rule 7(a), (i.e. Petition to Contest Forfeiture). Accordingly, the title should designate all of the above-described property in which you have an interest as the Plaintiff(s) of this action versus the Defendant which is the responding seizing agency. You are deemed the Claimant. PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARTIES MAKING THE CLAIMS. Your Petition should express what your interest is in the property and why you do not believe it should be forfeited. If you file such a Petition, a copy of the Petition must be served upon the attorney or representative providing this Notice by service of process in the same manner as in other civil cases. Said agent for process for the seizing agency can be served at the following address:

Christopher L. Schmidt
Assistant District Attorney
Hancock County Justice Court Bldg
306 Highway 90
Bay St. Louis, MS. 39520

If you do not file such a Petition requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture within thirty (30) days of receiving this notice, the above-described property will be forfeited to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Narcotics Division to be used, distributed, or disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-181.

NOTICE PROVIDED BY
CONO CARANNA,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: CHRISTOPHER L. SCHMIDT,
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
02/02, 02/09, 02/16/03

CASE NO. ND-133-02
FILE NO. HN-21-02

JUDSON KALE MILUM
5065 SWEETBRIAR
BATON ROUGE, LA. 70808
LEON B. ATKINS
9573 E. VAN PLACE
BATON ROUGE, LA. 70808

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY

You are hereby notified that on November 21, 2002 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Narcotics Task Division pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-153. Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176 provides for the administrative forfeiture of property other than a controlled substance, raw material or paraphernalia seized under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, the value of which does not exceed \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

1994 Honda Prelude
VIN JHMFB2158RC002808
APPROX. VALUE
\$8,250.00

U.S. currency \$580.00
Said vehicle being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(4) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use, to transport or to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession or concealment of controlled substances or property described in §41-29-153(a)(2) in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, and said money being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(5) and 41-29-153(a)(7) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law and having been found in close proximity to forfeitable controlled substances, to wit Marijuana.

TO CONTEST THE FORFEITURE:

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NOTICE PROVIDED BY
CONO CARANNA,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: CHRISTOPHER L. SCHMIDT,
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
02/02, 02/09, 02/16/03

Public Notices

CASE NO. W02-02431
FILE NO. HN-20-02

RICHARD BENTON
146 PHILLIP DRIVE
WAVELAND, MS. 39576

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY

You are hereby notified that on November 8, 2002 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Bay Waveland Narcotics Task Force pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-153. Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176 provides for the administrative forfeiture of property other than a controlled substance, raw material or paraphernalia seized under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, the value of which does not exceed \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

1998 Ford Taurus
VIN #1FABP52U8JG271032
APPROX. VALUE
\$15,777.00

Said vehicle being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(4) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use, to transport or to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession or concealment of controlled substances or property described in §41-29-153(a)(2) in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

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CONO CARANNA,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: CHRISTOPHER L. SCHMIDT,
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
02/02, 02/09, 02/16/03

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR
BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS
OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of July, 2002, Cure Land, LLC, 520 S. Shippard Road, Lakeshire, MS 39558, filed renewal application NO. MS-GW-14529 for a permit to continue to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use from the Upper Graham Ferry Aquifer, in the county of Hancock, for commercial purposes, subject to the following amount of water at the indicated location:

PERMIT # MS-GW-14529
VOLUME 0.13 MG/D
RATE 120 GPM
LOCATION SE SE SE 1/4, T9S, R14W

Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, c/o David L. Hardin, Jr., P.O. Box 451, Jackson, Mississippi 39209-0451, setting forth all reasons why said application should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication.

If protested, the application(s) will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at Highway 80 West, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, Tuesday, the March 11, 2003, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

David L. Hardin, Jr., Director
Director, Division of Permitting and Monitoring
02/09/03

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The Hancock County Sand Beach Department has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is requesting permission for a 10-year permit to renourish Hancock County Beaches. Nearshore sand deposits will be retrieved to replenish portions of the Hancock County Beach to its originally permitted dimensions. Hancock County proposes to remove sand from nearshore shallow water areas up to five hundred (500) feet south of the shoreline. Sand will be removed in lifts of six (6) or less inches with the total excavation depth not to exceed one (1) foot. The sand will be deposited in eroded areas on the beach. An estimated 30,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated annually, and approximately 300,000 cubic yards of material will be removed over the 10-year period of the permit.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00p.m. on the day March 3, 2003.

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The applicant is requesting permission for a 10-year permit to renourish Harrison County Beaches. Nearshore sand deposits will be retrieved to replenish portions of the Harrison County Sand Beach to its originally permitted dimensions. Harrison County proposes to remove sand from nearshore shallow water areas up to five hundred (500) feet south of the shoreline. Sand will be removed in lifts of six (6) or less inches with the total excavation depth not to exceed one (1) foot. The sand will be deposited in eroded areas on the beach. An estimated 50,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated annually, and approximately 500,000 cubic yards of material will be removed over the 10-year period of the permit.

NOTICE PROVIDED BY
CONO CARANNA,
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ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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Chorale

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occasion of the Golden Jubilee on June 4, 2002.

Following "Psalm 150," the singers will perform "Feel the Spirit," a cycle of spirituals arranged by Rutter. An encore, Rutter's arrangement of "Skylark," has also been prepared.

Melanie Marshall, of the UK, who recorded Rutter's "Feel the Spirit" with the Cambridge Singers, will also perform.

Since Aug. 20, 2002, Coast Chorale has been rehearsing for the Carnegie Hall show under the direction of Bay St. Louis resident Joy Mehrtens.

"I'm extremely excited and honored to be invited to participate in this particular concert because we'll be doing the U.S. premiere of a work by John Rutter," Mehrtens said.

She said another reason why she's looking forward to the trip is because the concert also takes place during the National Convention of the American Chorale Directors' Association.

"I'm also looking forward to the ambience of New York, the food and spending a prayerful moment at Ground Zero," said Mehrtens, who has been working with Coast Chorale since its conception 10 years ago.

Eric Meindl, president of the Coast Chorale, said the group should have plenty of time to absorb the sights of New York since rehearsals will only take about three to four hours a day.

Since all of the ensembles have learned the songs, Meindl said it will just be a matter of bringing all of the groups together under one director.

As far as his free time, Meindl expects he will take in some sightseeing and visit with relatives in the area.

For three-year member Vivian Jensen, bonding with her peers has been something she's been anticipating about the trip.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know my fellow members better and sharing this experience with them," said the Pass Christian resident.

Of course, she's very excited about her first time singing at Carnegie Hall and numbers they will be performing.

"I think it will be the highlight of my life," she said. "It's going to be an awesome experience."

Although this is Jensen's first trip to Carnegie Hall, this will be the Coast Chorale's second opportunity to sing there. The group first visited the hall in the fall of 1998. This year, the not-for-profit community organization was recommended to sing by a Carnegie Hall conductor — Dennis Assaf.

Auditions for membership with Coast Chorale are open to everyone.

The group meets at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. during its performance calendar from September to May each year.

The ensemble is supported by the community and a grant from Mississippi Arts Commission.

For more information about the Coast Chorale, call 466-9529.

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Perfect fit



Kathy Ward (right) from the Governor's Commission on physical fitness & sports presents Hancock North Central Elementary physical education teacher Jean Cuevas (center) and Principal Margie Woods (left), and Superintendent Mike Ladner (not pictured), with certificates of recognition.

Hancock North Central receives governor's physical fitness award

The Governor's Commission on physical fitness & sports recently selected Hancock North Central Elementary in Kiln as a recipient of excellence in Physical Education Certification Program at the Silver Level. Established in 1982, the Commission's goal is to promote physical fitness and good life habits.

For more information about this story or to learn more about educational activities in the Hancock County School District, please contact Tammy Stafford, PR Coordinator, at 255-0376.

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Taxes

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Ladner. "The land rolls are complete on July 1 and the books are open to the public. Appeals must be filed by August 1 each year."

The issue arose when Jim Evans complained to supervisors that he was not notified when his property taxes almost tripled. Evans bought his property, located on Hwy. 603, in March of 2001 when the owner apparently said the taxes were \$600 a year. Evans received no tax bill for 2001. Apparently the tax bill was mailed to the previous owner. When Evans went to pay 2001 taxes he was told he owed \$1,833 in delinquent taxes. About \$400 was in penalties and the property had been auctioned in a tax sale.

Evans reclaimed the property and paid the bill, but he requested relief for the increase from supervisors because he wasn't notified. Ladner said the reason for the increase in value was obvious. Evans purchased an empty lot and has since turned it into a used car lot. The increase was due to that, not the reassessment of the county. Ladner said. If property owners make improvements on their property, common sense will tell them that the property value will

increase.

Tax bills are sent to the address that is on the property as of January 1 of that year. Ladner said, and so are the following delinquent notices.

Evans contended that it was also common sense that the property owner be notified of any reassessment. Supervisors took no action.

In other board of supervisors action last week:

- Supervisors gave official recognition and thanks to the Hancock High School Band Department for their participation in Christmas activities.

- Supervisors also recognized Darryl Forest, who saved his grandmother Rose Lee Garvin from her burning house in Pearlinton. Garvin is handicapped and Forest pulled her to safety from her house before it burned to the ground.

- Supervisors went into executive session to discuss a reply from The Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health answering questions from

GM and R Construction and its environmental consultants. GM and R's consultants suggested the mandatory use of respirators and protective suits. CTEH suggested the use of dust masks to protect workers from Chlordane residue under the building. A reply is being drafted to GM and R from the county, but was not complete at press time, said architect Ed Wycoff.

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Antoine Rizk, MD

Treatment of Heart Disease

Cardiologist Antoine Rizk will discuss new interventions in the treatment of heart disease Thursday, February 27 at Diamondhead Country Club at a noon luncheon. \$5.

Reservations Required: 467-8727



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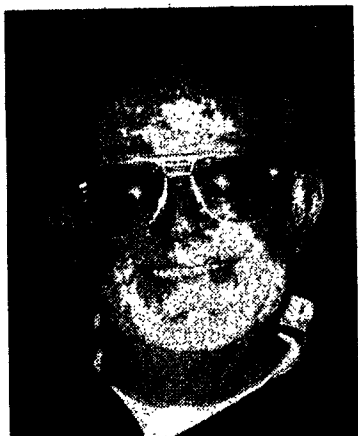
Stanislaus won Saturday's title match 3-1.

Pearl had won two consecutive state titles. Last year the Pirates beat SSC in the state title game.

Saturday marked the Rocks' first ever state championship in class 4A.

Obituaries

RAYFORD BOND
HELEN CARVER
RUTH CHAMBERS
ETHEL GEE
GLORIA GORE
ORVILLE J. HOWE
DEBORAH HUSLEY
JOHN H. JOHNSTON
DORIS VOGT



ORVILLE J. HOWE

Orville J. Howe, 73, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Jay, or O.J., as he was known to family and friends, was born in Las Animas, Co.

After completing his education, he went to work at the Phillip's Petroleum Company as a resident engineer, then moved to work in the Space Program and later with NOAA, at Stennis Space Center.

He was of the Presbyterian faith and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was known to all the youngsters as PaPa J. He was a beloved husband, father, uncle and friend. He was active in Boy Scouts, American Legion and as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Conrad Howe; his daughter, Eileen Sumrall; parents Ira H. and Maude Counterman Howe; four brothers, Ted Binkley, Earl Howe, Don Howe and Tommy Howe; and two sisters, Helen McGrath and Betty Howe.

Jay is survived by his wife of 47 years; three daughters, Tracy, Jeanne and Carol; one son, Doug; seven grandchildren; 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Monday from noon until 1 p.m. at the Waveland Methodist Church on the corner of Central Ave. and Vacation Lane in Waveland.

The memorial service will be held at the church at 1 p.m.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

The family prefers donations to Hope Haven, P.O. Box 37, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521; or the Salvation Army, 22nd St., Gulfport, MS 39501.

RAYFORD BOND

Rayford, Joseph "Shorty" Bond, a native and resident of Gulfport, MS, died Wednesday, February 5, 2003 in Gulfport at the age of 70.

Mr. Bond was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist

Church in Saucier. He was the retired owner and operator of Bond Tech Supply. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #422, F and AM of Gulfport and a member of the Shriners. He was also a member of Clown Corporation of Shriners and 32nd degree Scottish Rite order of Eastern Star, Coast Chapter #51 and a member of Krewes of Lagniappe.

His parents, Floyd A. and Inez Bond, precede Mr. Bond in death. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Bond of Gulfport, a son, Michael Bond and his wife, Sharon of Gulfport, a daughter, Debi Necaise and her husband, Chevis of Pass Christian, a brother, Freddie Bond and his wife Anna of Saucier, two sisters, Mary Jo Johnson and her husband, Paul of Gulfport and Sarah Batte and her husband, Tommy of Mt. Olive, MS. Grandchildren, Jodi and Mike Dewitt of Pass Christian, Kyle Christopherson of Pass Christian, Michael Bond Jr. of Gulfport, and Peyton Bond of Gulfport. Great-Grandchildren, Braxon Dewitt of Pass Christian, Tipper Dewitt of Pass Christian, Britt Dewitt of Pass Christian and Eli Christopherson of Pass Christian.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 8, at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial followed at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport.

Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, Highway 49 North, Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

HELEN CARVER

Helen Ladner Carver, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, in Lakeshore.

Mrs. Carver was a native and a lifelong resident of Lakeshore. She was of the Baptist faith and a Member of Lakeshore Baptist Church, Lakeshore. She was a Member of the VFW Post 6285 in Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles O. Carver, Sr.; her companion, Bertis Padgett; her parents, Wesley & Irene Williams Ladner; a sister Mildred Lott; a grandson, Brandon Carver and a great-granddaughter, Samantha Leonard.

Survivors include three sons, Sam Carver and Tommy Carver, Sr., both of Bay St. Louis, and Charles O. "Chuck" Carver, Jr. of Gulfport; two daughters, Patricia Peterson of Waveland and Lucy Randall of Bay St. Louis; three brothers, Chester Ladner and Ray Ladner, Sr., both of Bay St. Louis and J.V. Ladner, Sr. of Bush, La.; two sisters, Inez Garcia of Dedaux and Arlene Lizana of Bay St. Louis; 21 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

A prayer service was held Saturday, Feb. 8, at Edmond

Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis. Burial followed in the Waveland Cemetery, Waveland.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

RUTH CHAMBERS

Ruth Antin Chambers, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, in Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Chambers was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Leah Antin; her husband, Alan R. Chambers, MD, and sons, Richard Chambers and Michael Chambers.

Survivors include a son, Mark C. Chambers of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a daughter, Melanie R. Davenport of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

ETHEL GEE

Ethel Bilbo Gee died Friday, January 31, 2003, at age 77 in River Ridge, La.

Ms. Gee is the daughter of the late Wiley and Victoria Bilbo, sister of the late William (BB), Hubert, Matthew and Cecil Bilbo.

She is survived by two daughters, Aleta Gee Lindsay and Lisa Gee Bradley, and a son Charlie Gee, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at Maranatha Bible Church 10414 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge, La., today at 4 p.m.

GLORIA GORE

Gloria Jean Gore, 50, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

DEBORAH HUSLEY

Deborah L. Wilson Husley, 51, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003 in Gulfport.

Mrs. Husley was born in Oklahoma City and was a resident of Kiln for one year. She was a former resident of Woolmarket and was also a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her father, C. M. Wilson.

Survivors include her husband, Earnest F. Husley of Kiln; a daughter, Christy Marler of Kiln; her mother, Freddie Wilson of Eldorado, Okla.; two sisters, Betty Baker and Becky Wilson of Eldorado, Okla.; two brothers, Randy Wilson and Bill Wilson of Eldorado, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes in Biloxi is in charge of arrangements.

JOHN H. JOHNSTON

John H. Johnston, 75, of Nashville, Tn., died Jan. 24,

2003.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Bay St. Louis and a graduate of Bay High, Class of 1947.

He was employed for 39 years at Hardin Bag & Burlap Co. in New Orleans and was co-owner of Jamie L's Bakery, Deli & Catering Co. in Kenner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Agnes Adam Johnston; four brothers, Edmund G., Lloyd J., Huey P. and Ronald A. Johnston; and one sister, Anne Marie.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years Nevi Louise Crutchfield Johnston; a son, John G. "Jay" Johnston and wife Jerilyn G. Johnston of Hendersonville, Tn.; a daughter, Pamela Harris and husband Jimmy of Mauldin, S.C.; a sister, Mary Margaret Johnston of Bay St. Louis; a granddaughter, Jamie Harris Braddy and husband Shaun of Hope Mill, N.C.; and two grandsons, John G. and Jody G. Johnston of Hendersonville, Tn.

A memorial service was held in Hendersonville on Jan. 25 and a private service on Jan. 29. Cole & Garrett Funeral Home of Hendersonville was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to the Lillian Gray offerings for Missions at the Baptist Association of greater New Orleans, La. 222 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, La., 70122-3599.

DORIS VOGT

Doris A. Vogt, 72, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Vogt was a native of Hancock County and a life-long resident of Waveland. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church at Waveland. She was a charter member of Nereids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Vogt; and parents, Thomas William and Ruth Cavanan Arnold.

Survivors include her son, Scott Paul Vogt of Houma; daughter Ann V. Smith of Diamondhead; brother Jack Arnold of Waveland; four sisters, including Beverly Cassanova of Waveland, Helen Bordages of Bay St. Louis and Anna Breerwood and Joyce Kueglen, both of Metairie; and two grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Interment will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

The family prefers donations to St. Jude's Children Research at 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Students from Cindy Toups' class at North Hancock Elementary celebrated the Chinese New Year by learning about the myths and lore of China through a traveling trunk from the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. The trunk offers interactive activities that involve storytelling, music, masks and puppetry. Pictured, kneeling Clifton White, standing l to r Kalleigh Magee, Clark Breland, Lindsey Loftina and Sage Pierson

Hancock Women's Club celebrates Mardi Gras Bash

A "Mardi Gras Bash" is planned for Hancock Women's Club luncheon this February meeting at the First Presbyterian Church on Ulman in the Bay for Thursday, February 13th at 10:30 AM.

We will have one of our Charity recipients Phyllis Goodyear from the Arthritis Foundation come to accept our donation for the

Children's Summer Program. Other donation checks were sent to Gaits for Success, Woman Against Violence, Waveland Library dedication fixture fund, St. Vincent Prescription Funds, and HMC Women's Center for Maternity layettes making up the balance of the \$1500. The ladies of HWC wish to

thank Dr. E.A. (Ted) Hanasalt and Church Board for the free use of the church hall in making it possible for our Charities to earn ALL proceeds for their coming fiscal year's donations. On a quote from Dr. Hanasalt when asked for use of the hall, he said, "my job is to take care of the Soul and his board takes care of the hall."

Nereids parade to roll Feb. 23

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Krewe of Nereids parade will roll on February 23 at 1 p.m. The parade will follow its traditional route on Highway 90 in Waveland.

All those interested in entering the parade can obtain an application at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce in Bay St. Louis.

While there is no entry fee, participants must show proof of insurance before riding.

For more information, contact Janette Handshoe at (228) 831-5689 or Doloris Richmond at 467-9057.

Bay-Waveland schools need volunteers

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Waveland Little League meets today

Waveland Little League is having its general membership meeting for the purpose of elections and possible constitution change today, Sunday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Krewe of Selene's parade rescheduled

The Krewe of Selene's Mardi Gras parade at Diamondhead, originally planned for yesterday evening, has been rescheduled for next Sunday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

The parade will follow the original route.

'Tiger Pride' band members attend State Band Clinic



Bay High School students Paul Smith, senior (Trombone) and Amy Clark, junior (Clarinet) were chosen to attend the Mississippi Band Masters Clinic in Biloxi, recently.

Hancock Arts Council drawing huge support

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Close to 100 people attended a meeting on Wednesday, January 29th at the Bay St. Louis Branch of the Hancock County Library System, to further discuss the formation of an arts council.

Gwen Impson, the volunteer leader spear-heading the effort [Hancock County Chamber], said that over the past few months, an Arts Council Questionnaire has been distributed through various outlets in the community to obtain input from artists and friends of the arts.

Through the questionnaire, supporters have signed up for ways they want to contribute. Those who indicated that they want to help in the strategic planning for the organization were asked to serve on a committee.

This committee, working with Chuck Ueltschey, an economic developer for Mississippi Power Company, recently met to formulate a proposed mission statement and goals for the arts council.

Ueltschey was asked to present the working paper to the group.

Ueltschey said this information is a "work in progress", and he asked the group for input, as he reviewed the information. The mission, the group agreed, is to support the arts in Hancock County.

The goals are: to serve as a non-profit umbrella organization that is inclusive of all arts forms: visual artists, writers, artisans, and performing artists; to provide a leadership role in advancing the arts as an economic tool and community development partner; to support art education for schools and the general public and to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of all the diverse forms of the arts; to coordinate and promote arts related activities throughout the County; to provide tangible benefits to members as well as the community at large; to generate support for the arts through a network of supporters and patrons; to increase awareness of the value of the arts and artists in the area as a major quality of life asset; and, to recognize, encourage and promote individual artists and art groups.

Ueltschey stressed to the group that the goals outlined are in no particular order of importance and encouraged each attendee to list objectives to identify who they can work together to reach these goals. He then asked the group to sign up for opportunities for service so that the unique abilities of each volunteer to contribute could be match with the objectives of the organization.

Impson called on a number of volunteers to provide an update on what has been accomplished since the first meeting.

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Gunderman gave a report on the data base he has established to record the responses from the questionnaire. To date, 100 people have completed the questionnaire. Of that number 84 are artists, with the remainder categorized as friends of the arts and arts related businesses. The list is also categorized by geographic designation, and he noted that representation is throughout Hancock County.

Impson encouraged the group to help increase awareness to enable the group to gain even more support from the Kiln, Diamondhead and Pearlinton areas.

Shondra Sweeney, another volunteer, reported that she has contacted other art organizations throughout the state to obtain information on how to structure by-laws and the board.

Nancy Finlason said she is gathering information from the public and private schools in the community to inventory existing arts programming to determine future needs and to identify how the arts council can serve as a resource to the schools.

Impson explained that the response of volunteers has been terrific and introduced several individuals who have volunteered additional services, which will be beneficial not only to artists but to the community at large.

Marlene Ladner, owner of Your Personal Touch arts and crafts store, has committed to offer arts council members with a discount. And, she has also offered to order additional art supplies so that members do not have to go outside the county to obtain the supplies they need.

Vickie Niolet announced that she will have additional facilities available at the Lumbeyard Arts Center. She is in the process of setting up a darkroom and a kiln for public use.

Arlene Smith, a former art history professor at William Carey, explained that she had met with the Library staff and has offered to give monthly art history lectures, which was well received by attendees.

Discussion surrounded the need to create a working name for the organization. Scott Blackwell of Mombo Graphics gave an overview of what a dynamic logo and slogan should include. Artists were asked to submit ideas for a logo and slogan, and from there a working name could evolve.

Impson said the next steps for the group are to work with an attorney to create by-laws for the organization and to draft a proposed structure for membership categories and dues.

She announced that through the support of volunteers, the goal is to have much of this accomplished by the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 26.

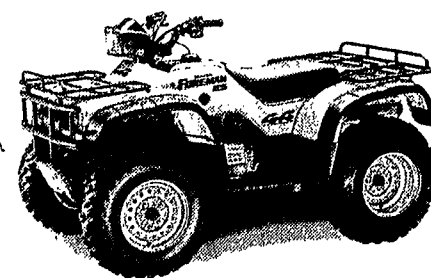
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Staff Writer
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SPORTS

Bay High honors outstanding fall student-athletes

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers honored their student athletes from the sports of volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, and football on Wednesday with an awards ceremony.

All players in each sport received recognition depending on how long each student athlete has played their respective sport. A first year player was presented with a service medal, second-year players were

given trophies, third-year participants were recognized with their jackets and fourth-year players were given their senior plaque. Each sport also maintained certain presentations significant to their team.

Special awards were also handed out to certain individuals who were recognized by their coaches for their abilities. In addition to the special awards, each sport also recognized one athlete with the Academic

Award which symbolized the highest GPA attained during that sport season.

In volleyball, Megan Corr was presented the Hardest Worker award while Joanna Mannion merited the Coaches Award. Tamara Reed won the Most Improved Award while her sister, Stephanie Reed, won the Team Leader award. The High Scorer Award and Academic Award was presented to Kendra Reed. Tori Lansaw and Stephanie

Reed were recognized for making the All-Division team.

In girls soccer, Anna Johnson was named Most Outstanding Offensive Player award while Samantha Billingsley merited the Most Outstanding Defensive Player award. Danielle LeBlanc brought home the Coach's Award and Whitney Thomas won the Academic Award. Johnson, Billingsley, and Brittney Strong were all

named to the All-Division team.

For boys soccer, the Most Outstanding Offensive Player award was won by Brandon Strong. The Most Outstanding Defensive Player award was brought home by Jake Pearce. Jace Ponder merited the Leadership Award while Greg Lemier walked away with the Most Improved Award. The Academic Award and Sportsmanship Award was claimed by Chris

Magee.

In girls cheerleading, the Co-Captain Award and Leadership Award went to Kayla Rousseau. Allison Cleaves won the Tiger Spirit Award and the Academic Award. Sheena also won the Captain and Leadership Awards.

In football, Monroe Jordan merited the Most Outstanding Offensive Back award. The Most Outstanding Receiver award was claimed by Robbie Pitre. Tony Marino brought home the Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman award. The Most Outstanding Defensive Back award was presented to Jake Pearce. Shawn Moran brought home the Sportsmanship Award and Zack Ferry claimed the Leadership and Academic Award.

The All-Division selection for the Tigers was Monroe Jordan. Jake Pearce was also named All-Division and claimed the Most Outstanding Defensive Back for Division 8 Class 4A.

Hancock Little League Girls Softball celebrates 15 years

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will celebrate 15 years of Little League Softball in Hancock County this year.

Planning is currently underway to hold a reunion in June in recognition of the anniversary, and the league has designed a special logo patch to be worn on their uniforms.

If you played or volunteered for the league at either McDonald Field or Lakeshore Field and would like to participate in the reunion or get more details, call 467-6598.

The league will begin the 2003 season by holding player/coach/umpire registration from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the following Saturday dates:

February 15: Waveland Big Kmart

February 22: Waveland Market Center, Waveland Sav-A-Center and Bay St. Louis Winn-Dixie

March 1: Lakeshore Playground and Hwy. 603 Chevron Station

March 8: Waveland Wal-

Mart and Diamondhead Supermarket

Players must be between the ages of 5 and 18 and provide a birth certificate as proof of age if not already on file.

Adult volunteers must complete a volunteer application and provide a copy of approved picture identification for background check.

Registration fee is \$30

per child, and raffle tickets are available that may be sold in lieu of fee.

Representatives from Waveland Little League will also be on hand for baseball registration.

The league will also offer a 'challenger' division this year for mentally and physically disabled children. Each child will be partnered with a player from a regular

season team who will assist as necessary.

'Challenger' allows disabled children to participate in a team environment as well as enjoy a friendly, helpful atmosphere no matter how severe the disability.

The ages for this division are 5 through 21, and more details are available by calling 467-1291.

League spokesman Frank Yanok says, "The league would also like to congratulate volunteer umpire Bruce Wilson on his selection to the volunteer 2003 World Series umpire crew."

If you would like more information about Little League softball in Hancock County, call 467-4220 or 255-7828.

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Hawks host tournament

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks basketball program will have the honors of hosting the 2003 Region 5 Class 5A basketball tournament in Kiln on Tuesday, February 11 and Friday, February 14.

The #7-ranked Hancock Lady Hawks are seeded #1 in their bracket while the boys team is seeded #3 in their bracket.

There will be four games played on Tuesday and two games played on Friday.

The first matchup on Tuesday is between #2-seeded Oak Grove Lady Warriors against the #3-seeded Hattiesburg Lady Tigers at 4pm. that game is followed by the top seeded Hattiesburg Tigers (boys) against the #4-seeded Petal Panthers at 5:30pm. The third game will feature the top-seeded Lady Hawks of Hancock against the Lady Panthers of Petal at 7pm. The finale of the evening willpit the #3-seeded Hancock Hawks against the Oak Grove Warriors at 8:30pm.

The girls championship will be played at 6:30pm on Friday followed by the boys championship at 8pm.

The winners of each Tuesday's game will advance to the first round of the south state playoffs the following week. The division tournament for the Bay High Tigers and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws basketball programs will be played on the same nights in Vancleave.

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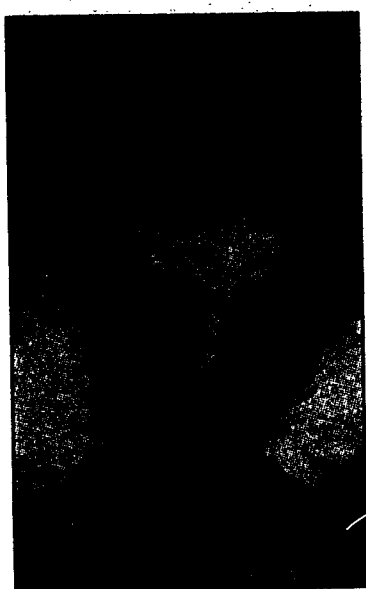
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Teeny Labat

Bay library remembers local leaders

Labat: A Creole Legacy, by local artist Lori Gordon, several locally owned sculptures by Bay St. Louis native Richmond Barthe', and biographies of Bay St. Louis' black firsts will be on display, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library in celebration of Black History Month.

The fabric collage tells the story, through images and text, of the life of the Labat Creole family in Bay St. Louis. Spanning five generations and chronicling events over a time period of a century and a half, this unique piece is an historical narrative, as well as a work of art.

Locally owned, never before seen, works of Richmond Barthe', Bay St. Louis native and internationally renowned black sculptor, are also on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The pieces are locally owned by friends and family of Barthe'.

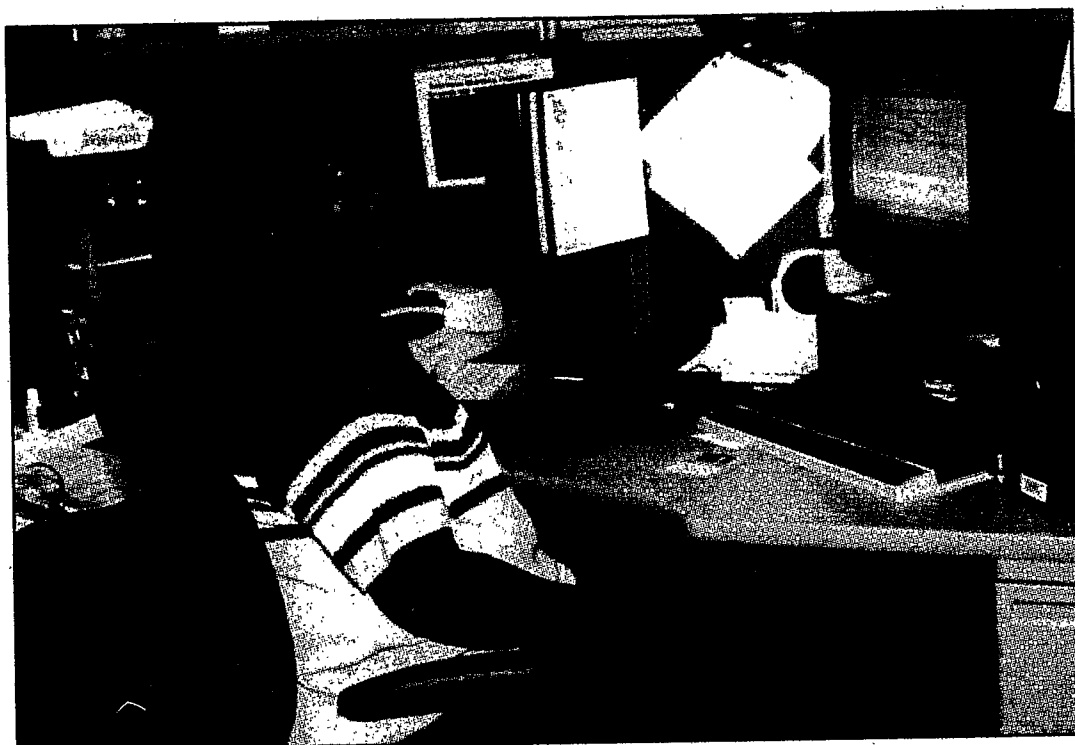
Handwritten postcards and letters by Barthe', along with numerous photos and newspaper clippings, will also be available. These items have been in the library's collection for some time, and some are personal correspondence from Barthe' to local residents. Barthe' was one of the most significant black sculptors associated with the Harlem Renaissance. He completed many works that expressed his concern for the racial issues of the day, including The Tortured Negro and in monuments to Toussaint L'Ouverture and General Dessalines in Haiti.

Douglas Williams, the first black Bay St. Louis police chief, and Louis Piernas, the first black Bay St. Louis postmaster, will also be featured during the exhibit.

More information on the upcoming exhibit can be obtained by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282.

Remember Black History

Waveland residents want young people to not lose sight of their background



BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland natives Clarence Harris and Cynthia Simpkins, both longtime employees at Stennis Space Center, think that Black History Month (the month of February) is very important, especially for young people.

Both of Simpkins' sons, first Michael and now Jeremy, have participated in the NAACP's memorial program for years, and, Cynthia says, "as long they are under my roof, they will continue to participate."

She says that though great progress has been made in furthering equality for blacks, there are still things missing. "I think it is important for young people not to lose site of their foundation and background," Simpkins said.

"Our people have worked hard and I want my children to remember that, and to remember that we still have a long way to go."

Harris, the father of four, and grandfather of seven, has a story to tell about the importance of remembering black history. Harris has

always loved working with children and has been involved through the years in many community projects centering around children.

Many years back, he says, he got the idea that he would like to take a group of black children to Jackson to see their capital; the legislature in action; and especially the black history room on the capital grounds.

"The display had pictures, mementoes and videos of events involved in the civil rights movement playing continuously," he said. "I thought it would be great for the kids."

"So I went to the schools and ended up with a group from Our Lady Academy," Harris said. "But to my disappointment there were only two black children in the class. Well of course I couldn't say anything ... they had arranged transportation, and so we went."

"It was a great day and we went to see the black history display, many white children and the two black children."

That is when Harris learned a very important lesson. One of the white children watched the videos

very intently, Harris said, of marches, of blacks being clubbed and taunted. Then she said, "Mr. Harris, did these things really happen in Mississippi?" She was crying, Harris said, and I realized that though I had wanted to bring black children only, that the day had been an important education for all the children.

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Cynthia Simpkins

Harris come from different generations, they have similar views about raising children. Education, family support, and a don't give up attitude is important to both of them. Parental education (to learn, if need be, to be a good parent) is very important to Harris.

"I tell my little ones," said Simpkins. "If there is

anything that you want out there you can succeed, but you have to make the effort. Keep God first and keep on going. If you find closed doors just keep on going and eventually someone will open the door and let you come on in."

And get an education, Simpkins said. A big regret of hers is that she shunned Algebra in school and then had to learn it later, as an adult. It may be hard for a teen to understand why they might ever need Algebra or another subject, but just learn it when you have the opportunity because life will throw you all kinds of loops and you will wish you had.

Harris is a firm believer in another kind of education, experience. You can have all the booksense in the world, he said, but if you don't have the common sense education that experience brings, it won't be enough for success. Harris believes that it is important for young people to get out there and see the world and all its different points of view, while their minds are busy forming.

"People need to be able to see things from others' perspectives, not just their

own," he said.

To that end he has made sure that his own children, and now his grandchildren, see some of the world and experience other lifestyles. He traveled with his children while they were growing up and made sure they went places and saw things, even if only on a day trip to New Orleans.

"I took my kids on the streetcars, the ferry, and to the French Quarter and many other places," he said. "I didn't want them to grow into adults with a narrow view of the world and I believe it has made their adult life easier to adjust to. They have choices."

Their advice? "Communicate with your children, talk to them in a way that they will listen," Simpkins said.

"Listen to your parents and elders," Harris said. "They are your friends and have valuable experience to share if you are open to it."

The Nineteenth Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program will be held at the Depot next Saturday Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mother's recipes

(Author's Note: Stella's column, Stella's Kitchen, on our website last month was unusually popular and we have been getting calls for the recipe from people who did not write it down. For these people here it is.)

I don't believe there are really any new recipes.

Most of what we think of as being new are really long-forgotten basic recipes that as time would pass, we kind of forgot about them. I like to think of my recipes as being old ones.

but I secretly know that they fall into that category. We all love to experiment in the kitchen and some of our experiments result in very good dishes, some not so good.

But when you get down to it, we all are conducting our experiments on a basic set of very old, tried and true recipes. In one way the result is the same. I really can't remember when I first learned to cook, but I know I learned from my mother and she learned from her mother and so on.

find in a recipe book. I don't really consider it my own.

This month's recipe is the result of a walk down memory lane. It's a trip that many of us make in the kitchen and I suppose is one of the joys of cooking that we all secretly love. The recipe I've chosen for this month is one that my mother and I concocted when years ago we set out to reproduce a favorite salad my aunt used to make.

It was a wonderful day in the kitchen and one that

I remember well. In the end, I'm not sure how close my mother and I came to aunt's recipe, but we were both very happy with the result. We rather grandly called it, "Cranberry Waldorf Salad."

I suppose in a way it is our recipe and in a way it is not, but the memory of the fun my mother and I had in the kitchen when we worked to reproduce it

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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is all mine. I can't give you that, but I can give you part of what we made that day, the recipe.

It's a "salad" recipe in the sense that it is a cold dish that accompanies the meal, but it's not the typical leafy salad one conjures up when thinking of salads. Nor is it that molded Cranberry jelly that comes out of a can and people

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Hancock Job Shadow Day 2003

Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2003 on Jan. 31 was a tremendous success with 55 students from the Hancock County school district in grade 11 and second-year vocational students participating in the nation-wide event.

Through the program, students spent the day shadowing an employee in a local business to discover how information learned in the classroom directly applies to the workplace.

The following Mississippi Gulf Coast businesses participated in this year's event: Adams Photography; Attorney Olen Anderson; Attorney Zach Butterworth; Attorney Robert Genin; Bay Catholic Elementary; Cajun Connection; Casino Magic; Cato's Fashion; Coast Electric Power Association; Coastal Precision Machinery; Compton Engineering; Cory's Quick Stop; David's Chainsaw Repair; Dixieland Home, Farm & Garden Center; Dolly's Quick Stop; Dr. David Futrell - Dentist; Dr. Kevin Smith - Veterinarian; Dr. Ashraf Tabatabai - Pediatrician;



Ashley Lightell (right), an 11th-grade student at Hancock High School interested in a medical career, receives a demonstration and explanation about medical imaging equipment from Hancock Medical Center nurse Becky Necaise (left) during Groundhog Job Shadow 2003. For more information about this story or to learn more about educational activities in the Hancock County School District, please contact Tammy Stafford, PR Coordinator, at 255-0376.

East Hancock Elementary; Farm Bureau - Kiln; Gulfview Elementary; Hancock Medical Center; Hancock North Central Elementary; Hancock Vo-Tech - Hawk's Nest;

Hancock Women's Center; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center; Marine Life Oceanarium; Medical Center Pharmacy; Pearl River Community College; People's Bank

Diamondhead; Pirate's Cove Restaurant; The Women's Clinic - Picayune; Vrazel's Restaurant; Waveland Animal Shelter and Waveland Market.

St. Paul's school tuition assistance bingo moves to Monday nights

St. Paul's School Tuition Assistance Bingo has moved from Thursday night to Monday night, and coordinator Charlie Niolet said there are plenty of great changes in store.

The move to Monday night is an effort to boost attendance.

"An organization in Waveland holds bingo on Thursday night, and it doesn't do either organization any good to compete with one another," Niolet said. "The change to Monday night should keep competition to a minimum."

The session will now begin thirty minutes earlier, with early bird games beginning at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and, as

an added bonus, each player will receive a complimentary bowl of red beans and rice prepared by Jo Ann Hanson York.

"What a great way to spend a Monday night," said Father Dennis Carver of St. Paul, who came up with the idea for Bingo 'n Beans. "Just show up, and we'll provide dinner and entertainment."

In addition to the day and time changes, there are now two jackpots totaling \$1,500.

"Our goal is to draw as many players as possible to our games, and you have to offer attractive prizes in order to do that," Niolet said. "All proceeds from our games are used for tuition assistance. The more play-

ers we attract, the more children we can help."

Approximately 20 percent of St. Paul's 159 students require some sort of tuition assistance, and school officials hope Monday night bingo will continue to help raise the needed funds.

The concession counter, offering chips, popcorn, candy and soft drinks, is open throughout the evening. For the health and safety of the students who use the gymnasium during the week, no smoking is allowed indoors on bingo night.

For further information contact St. Paul Catholic Church at (228) 452-4686 or Charlie Niolet at (228) 452-7994.

Story hours to highlight Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

"Valentine Bears" and "One Zillion Valentines" are the books to be read. The children will make their own Valentine's card and attend a Valentine's party.

Valentine's Day is the theme for the children's

story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

"Love and Kisses," "Mouse's First Valentine," "The Day It Rained Hearts" and "My Happy Heart" are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a heart shaped mouse.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half

hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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Forestry workshop for teachers set for Feb. 25 in Moss Point

A day of fun, education and free material suitable for classroom use is in the offing for educators who take advantage of this area's first "Fun with forestry in the classroom" workshop sponsored by the Mississippi Forestry Association and scheduled for Feb. 25 at Moss Point's beautiful new Pelican Landing Community Center.

The day-long workshop will feature interactive activities from the award-winning Project Learning Tree Environmental Education program, and other lessons about the care of our state's forests and other natural resources. Instructors will include highly trained nat-

ural resource managers from academia, government and industry.

At the end of the day, teachers will be able to return to the classroom prepared to impart factual information to their students about the state of Mississippi's forest, it's most valuable natural resource, and how professionals use and care for it.

Attendees will also be exposed to The Mississippi Forestry Association's nationally renowned "Teacher's conservation workshops" (TCW). The two workshops are held in June at Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston and Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Teachers who attend the week-long teachers conservation workshop receive training in project learning tree. They learn about the care of our forests, water and soil and about careers in forest industry and natural resource conservation through a series of field trips and outdoor learning activities. Teachers can earn three hours' college credit or more than three continuing education units by completing a week-long teachers conservation workshop.

The Feb. 25 fun with forestry in the classroom workshop is free, and will include a light breakfast and lunch. The workshop qualifies for 0.5 continuing

education units (CEU). Teachers applying for CEU credit will be required to pay a \$20 precessing fee. Check-in will be from 8:30-9 a.m. Training will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

Information or a registration form can be obtained from the Mississippi Forestry Association at 662-325-1785.

The deadline for registering is Feb. 18. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. Interested teachers are advised to register as soon as possible. Last year's workshop, held in Jackson, was filled to capacity and many people were turned away.

Lung Assoc., health depts. offer quit-smoking info

The American Lung Association of Mississippi and your local health department have teamed up to help with your new year's resolution to quit smoking.

Until May 31, they are offering free quit-smoking information, signs for homes, businesses and public places and consultation to any business interested in creating a smoke-free workplace.

"The goal of this collaboration is to reduce exposure to environmental

tobacco smoke (ETS) in Mississippi," said Matt McGahan, Alam's health program manager for South Mississippi. "Each year, over 53,000 people die as a result of ETS, not to mention the number who die from the use of tobacco. We want to see those numbers go down."

Available items include: no-smoking signs; smoke-free workplace signs; a listing of Mississippi cessation resources; and facts about tobacco, smoking and pregnancy, cessation

and weight control, and secondhand smoke. Smokefree home pledge brochures and contracts are also available by request.

"We hope you will take advantage of this exciting opportunity to quit smoking, to help a friend quit or to make your home or business a healthier, smoke-free place," said McGahan.

To request this free information, simply visit or call your local health department.

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HADEN MICHAEL CUEVAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gary Cuevas of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Haden Michael, January 23, 2003 at 11:54 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mrs. Cuevas is the former Haleigh Moran.

Maternal grandparents are Clyde and Debbie Moran.

Paternal grandparents are Judy Tobias and Jerry Cuevas.

Great-grandparents include Neal and Laura Cuevas, Melvin and Anita Hebert and Florence Tobias.

Haden is welcomed by his sister, Grace Ann.

ALIYAH JEAN PRESTON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jack Preston III of Pass Christian announce the birth of their second child, Aliyah Jean, November 27, 2002 at 9:47 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2

ounces. Mrs. Preston is the former Sabrina Smith.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Norma Smith of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Juanita Preston of Pass Christian and the late Robert Preston II.

Great-grandparents include Hoyd and Dorothy Ladner of Pass Christian, Robert and Una Preston of Corning, N.Y., Stanley Bloom of Long Beach and the late Heidi Bloom.

Aliyah is welcomed by her sister, Nasya.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 307

TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Wednesday, Feb. 5, in Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Waveland.

Ten members were present. Rhonda was the week's best loser. Mabel was top KOPS.

Best loser for the month was Pam and runner up was Marjie. Best loser for the quarter Nov., Dec., Jan., was Rhonda and

runner up was Marjie. Perfect attendance was Sherri and Mabel. Paula and Mabel tied for KOPS.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at Coastal Wellness and Fitness, 524 St. John Street, Bay St. Louis. Weigh-in are from 4-5:30 p.m., with the meeting following.

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Crowns made by students at Gulfview Elementary adorn the heads of eight cafeteria workers in honor of National Cafeteria Worker Week. Pictured from left are (front row, seated) Bonnie Lafontaine, Roslyn Ramond, Carolyn Vellion, (second row, seated) Gayle Deldrich, Katherine Bialochowski, Brenda Lane, (standing) Carol Schwartz and Leslie Wahl.

Safe Kids offers child safety seat check-up Feb. 21 at DeRussy

Mississippi has one of the highest rates for child motor vehicle occupant death in the nation, and in most cases, those deaths could have been prevented.

"They result from kids being completely unbuckled or in the wrong or misused seat," said Amanda Sullivan, project coordinator for Mississippi Safe Kids campaign. "They also result from too many parents not knowing the risks. Child safety seats, when correctly installed and used, can prevent injury and save lives which is why I strongly encourage everyone to come by our free car seat check up event and get their child's car seat inspected."

Mississippi Safe Kids will be providing a free car seat check up event at DeRussy

Motors, Friday, Feb. 21 from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Child passenger safety technicians will be on hand to inspect car seats for proper installation, possible

Car seats reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants under age 1 and by 54 percent for toddlers ages 1 to 4 when properly used and installed

recalls, and the age, weight suitability of the restraint for the child.

"Using and installing a car seat correctly is a lot

harder than one might imagine," Sullivan said. "From Oct. 1, 2001, through Sept. 30, 2002, Mississippi Safe Kids has conducted almost 3,000 car seat checks. Of those, 99 percent were misused.

"We are also noticing a trend with parents graduating their children into a safety belt when they should still be in a booster seat. This places children at greater risk for injury because they are riding with safety belts across their face, or behind their back, and in too many cases, completely unrestrained."

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slice and place on the plate with the turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas - a dish which some people love and others say that's nice and reach for more candied sweet potatoes.

My cranberry salad is a festive dish that can be used with any grand meal, not just with end-of-year holidays feasts but at other occasions such as Easter or Father's Birthday.

But there is more! Not only is this dish good as a salad, it can be served as a dessert and, when topped with a dab of whipping cream, it is not just good but makes a grand presentation. Ta! Ta! C'est tres elegante!

Note that in the recipe, I call for a can of whole cranberry sauce; however, fresh cranberries are wonderful in this salad and, I believe, very much tastier.

A 12 oz. bag of berries cooked with one cup of sugar and one cup of water works quite well. So go the extra not so many steps and, rather than the can of whole cranberry sauce, use fresh berries when available - the extra effort is well worthwhile.

CRANBERRY WALDORF SALAD

- 2 3 oz. packages of cranberry or black raspberry gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 7 oz. jar marshmallow crème
- 1 cup nut (walnuts or pecans), chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup grapes, seeded and halved
- 2 large tart apples, chopped
- 1 16 oz. can whole cranberry sauce or 12 oz. freshly cooked cranberries
- 1 cup cold water

Empty the gelatin into a large mixing bowl. Add boiling water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Add marshmallow crème and stir until it is dissolved.

Add the nuts, celery, grapes, apples, and cranberries and stir until well blended. Add the cold water and stir. Pour mixture in a 9" x 13" x 2" baking plan and let cool down. When cool, refrigerate until the gelatin sets.

This is a double recipe and should serve between 12 and 15. I always make the double recipe since we use it both as a salad as well as dessert.

P.S. After cooking some fresh berries for dinner the other evening, we did a little experimenting. We topped some homemade vanilla ice cream with about a teaspoon of fresh raspberries.

It was wonderful, just a slightly tart, delicious taste. We realized that it could be also used as a topping for a number of other dishes such as bread pudding or rice pudding. Experiment, have fun.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock Board County of Education will on Monday, February 17, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. hold a Public Hearing on proposed redistricting of Hancock County School District. The Public Hearing will be held in the Superintendent of Education's Office, 17304 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556

Public comments, both written and oral, on the proposed redistricting are invited.

A map of the redistricting proposal will be available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office prior to the hearing.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the City of Waveland's 2000 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Project for the Construction of the Wal-Mart Access Road and Related Improvements in the City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, will be received by Waveland City Hall, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576, until 2:00 PM CST, March 11, 2003.

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Compton Engineering, P.A. at 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, telephone (228) 467-2770 by qualified and licensed contractors upon payment of \$75.00. The payment is non-refundable.

The Contractor shall be a qualified general contractor. The Contractor shall be a licensed contractor in the State of Mississippi. This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant; therefore, all federal, state, and local regulations as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are applicable.

All prospective bidders are cautioned that, in order to be valid, bids must clearly show the Contractor's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number both on the outside of the bid envelope as well as a part of the bid package itself.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities and/or to reject any or all bids, as well as to postpone the award of any Contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the bid opening

City of Waveland

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Homestead exemption applications will be taken from January 2, 2003 through April 1, 2003. These applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of the Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

You must be living in your home on or before January 1, 2003 to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. (All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock county)
- E) If you are over 65 proof of age
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- G) Is any part of the property rented?

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- B) You became 100% disabled on or before January 1, 2003.
- C) You acquired a new residence.
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead.
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, windowed, separated etc.)

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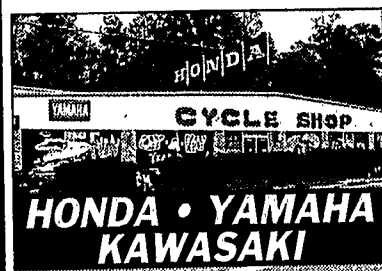
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ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
McDonough, SVDReflections on life we
must serve, not exploit

Perhaps all of you have seen one of those huge three-door refrigerators in some school or supermarket. Ours, one of the big Victors, had been here in St. Augustine Elementary School years before it closed in 1967, and it finally gave up the ghost about 15 years ago. We called in two different refrigerator companies and several individual technicians, all to no avail.

Somehow, one has the sneaking suspicion that a refrigerator company has self-serving motives when it says a refrigerator like ours is not repairable. After all, we know that a huge stainless steel model such as that can be worth as much as 5 to 7 thousand dollars when overhauled, refurbished and restored to pristine running condition. If only we knew how to do it.

Of course, we kept seeking for a way to overhaul it and keep it for ourselves. Having failed at that, the next step was sell it to a company interested in refurbishing it, although we hesitated, knowing that some company could overhaul it and make a killing reselling it. Still, we could not make the right connection to sell it, not even for virtual peanuts.

Off and on down through the years, we vainly tried to sell it for scrap, since the metal itself is so precious. Lo and behold, out of nowhere comes a knight without shining armor but with reams of knowledge about the inner workings of refrigerators. And he volunteered! He spliced a connective wire, put in some freon, and presto, the big machine is working again.

One of the big doors requires reworking of its insulation, while the other two doors need minor attention. Apart from that and a good cleaning, the big machine is operational, having been repaired almost literally for a song and a dance. I was thunderstruck, unbelieving, so sudden was this turnabout.

Incredibly, the minor miracles did not stop there. Our cold water machine, which had been given up for dead some two years ago, was the next target. The verdict was that it needed a new compressor, which, of course, is worth more than the machine itself. David Quinn opened the machine, diverted a dead wire, inserted some freon, and the cooler has been purring ever since.

A wide, squat freezer, which had not run for about three years, got similar treatment with equal results. The main villain was a deteriorated wall plug which both created a fire hazard and thwarted the start-up of the freezer. So, with the quick installation of a new plug came the revival of the machine which, as it turned out, had no problems except a touch of wear from age.

Finally, there was the ice

cream machine which a parishioner had donated from her place of employment which was getting a new machine. This, too, had stood dormant for a couple of years, even though I had asked several people to get it working, with no success. In fact, no one moved a finger.

Well, David opened the ice cream machine, peered in, gingerly moved all the movable parts, knocked much of the dust off it and plugged it in. As soon as the on switch was tripped, the machine began to run without a hitch.

By this time, I was more than stunned. I was impressed, mystified. Yet, the greatest mystery was that I knew there was simply no mystery here.

Are you beginning to get a picture of not infrequent instances where air conditioning/refrigerator technicians take us for a needlessly expensive ride, exploiting our considerable ignorance of electronics and refrigeration to conceal their high charges for what is often minimal work? To say the least, I was stunned at the rapid, inexpensive repairs of so many machines.

It did not stop there. This same David, who had slain many Goliaths, took on another kind in my 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88, an incredible model which mechanics boast about. Running smoothly after 220,000 miles, it is beginning to show its age. With amazing ease, David diagnosed the ignition problem of the moment and made needed repairs to the radiator overflow.

All of us know from TV documentaries how get-over mechanics have been caught on videotape going through their crooked routines. These are clearly the extremes, but numerous other mechanics do as so many AC and refrigeration technicians, making the simple look complex and difficult.

And so it goes across the board, folks, with an uncomfortable percentage of the so-called services which we pay dearly to receive. There are entirely too many people in every field and profession who are less interested in providing services than they are in relieving us of our money and dignity.

Multiple messages slam into us and haunt us as God-fearing people when we ponder these kinds of incidents and attitudes. We are sitting ducks, waiting and wondering whether, when and where we may be deceived, exploited and drained of the resources we need to live our lives.

Our response as believers, especially following the mandate of Jesus is to "be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves." (Matthew 10:16.) Then, in opposition to the worldly, Jesus expects us to be of unselfish service.

Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

The Rapture

There is a belief among many Christians that some day soon there will be a sudden "catch away," meaning the believers will be caught up out of this earth to meet the Lord Jesus in the air.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

Then we, who are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4, verses 16 and 17.

Christian fundamentalists believe that the conditions on earth will become so unbearable and ungodly that Christ will come and take his church out of here.

"For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by

our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes. 5-9. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matthew 24:36.

Unfortunately not everyone who says he or she is Christian, is a Christian.

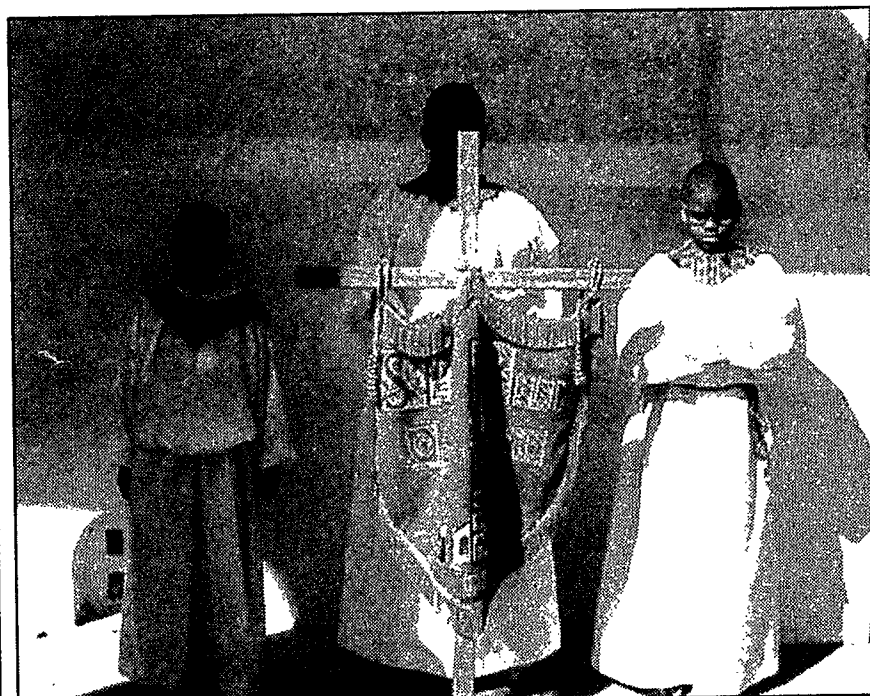
"Then shall there two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left." Matthew 24, 40-41.

Dear Reader, don't be the one left behind. There's no need to be the one left behind. The Heavenly Father wants everyone to come to Him. He loves you beyond measure.

Jesus says, "Come unto me, I will in no wise cast you away."

There's absolutely no reason to miss the Rapture of the Church, unless you want to be rejecting the Lord Jesus as your personal Savior.

Brotherly Service



When Fr. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD, Pastor of St. Rose de Lima Church in Bay St. Louis made the call for more altar servers, he was rewarded with a number of young people in the church coming to the instruction meeting. Last Sunday was a thrill for Tabatha Collins as her three sons served at the 9:30 Sunday Mass. Pictured are Tobias, Justin and Rene Collins. Justin has served before but this was the first time he was joined by his two brothers.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Fr. John Kelly, Pastor (228-467-4746)
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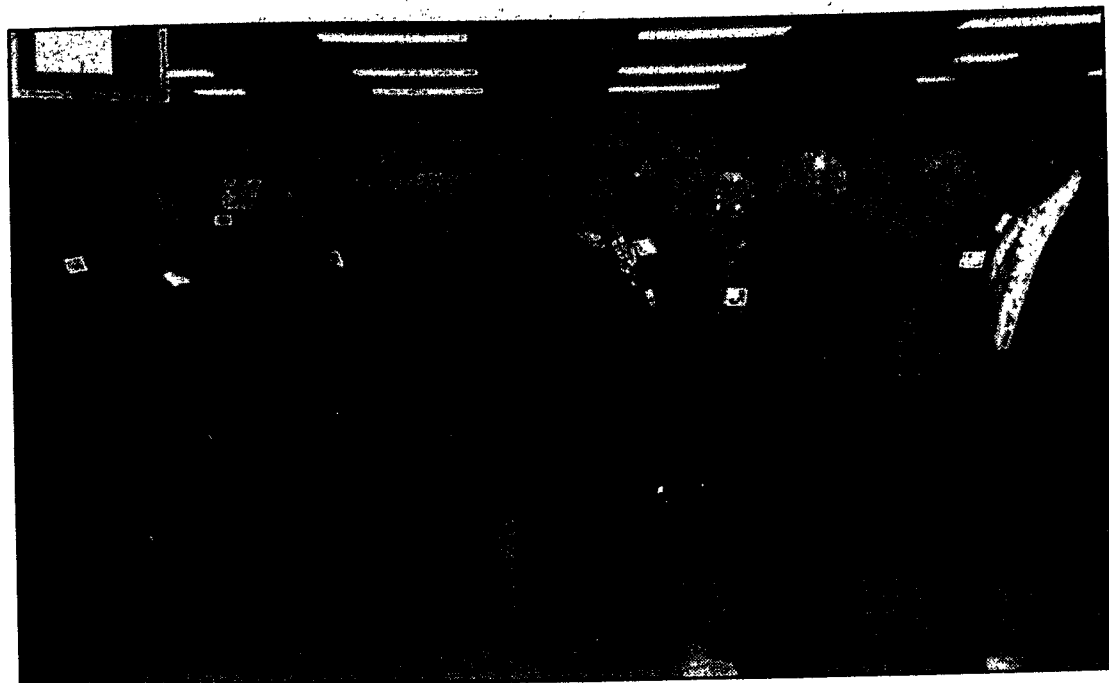


Library Legislative Day



Members of the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees attended the Mississippi Library Association Library Legislative Day reception in Jackson on Tuesday. Pictured above are, from left, State Representative J. P. Compretta; Trustee Evelyn Johnson; State Representative Dirk Dedeaux; Trustee Mary Cassis; State Senator Scottie Cuevas; and State Senator Deborah Dawkins.

Locals attend Library Legislative Day in Jackson



Attending the Mississippi Library Association Library Legislative Day reception at the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson on Tuesday were, from left, Linda McKay, financial officer; Sandra Ladner, Kln Public Library branch manager; Sue Prendergast, assistant coordinator of information services; Deborah Hill, Pearlington Public Library branch manager; Sheila Cork, coordinator of public and information services; Prima Plaque, director; David Woodburn, assistant director; Mary Cassis, chairman, library system Board of Trustees; Mary Sinders, vice chairman, library system Board of Trustees; Trustee Evelyn Johnson; and Hester Plaque.

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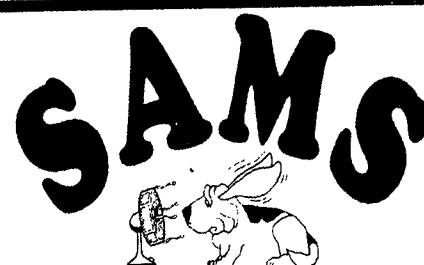
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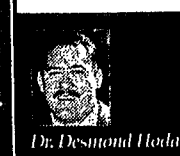
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73 Help Wanted

and budgeting. Applicants shall exhibit a broad background and extensive experience in management and operation of water and sewer utilities. Business management and budgeting are particularly important. Fringe benefits include paid group medical insurance and an attractive retirement plan available after one year of employment. This is a drug testing position and background investigation is required. This is a salaried position. Salary \$55-75K depending on level of experience. The District includes approximately 85 miles of vitrified clay gravity sewer, 33 waste water pump stations and force mains and a 1.25mm gal/day ADF extended air oxidation ditch waste water treatment plant, 85 miles of PVC and ductile iron water mains, 3 water wells, 1,500 fire hydrants, and a 500,000 water storage tank. District is located on Bay St. Louis which is located in Southwest Mississippi on the gulf coast. Service area is approximately 10 square miles. District serves a planned community of Diamondhead and light commercial users. Community has 8,000 lots of which about 3,500 are developed. Present population is about 8,400 with a build-out population expected to be 15,000 people. The residential community is primarily single family homes and condominiums. New homes construction averages 150/year. The community has a country club, two 18-hole golf courses, large tennis complex, general aviation air strip and marina with yacht club. A commercial complex located at the entrance serves the needs of the community. Submit professional resume and work history with a cover letter including salary requirement to Mr. Jack Cleveland, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Diamondhead Water & Sewer District, 4425 Park Ten Dr., Diamondhead, MS. 39525. Application deadline February 15, 2003.

76 Situation/Job Wanted

WOULD LIKE TO WORK AS AN office receptionist. Experience with computers, customer service, type 50Wpm, also have CNA certificate & experience filing and office skills. Need to work around college schedule. (Enrolled at Jeff Davis Campus, 6:00-9:00pm. Majoring in business and medical office technology). Please contact Angela at 469-0934, 228-467-7149, or 228-617-5554.

81 Appliances

DOLLAR RENTAL IS CHANGING Forever! Now offering retail sales or 60 days same as cash on new appliances and furniture. Our appliance parts section is now bigger and better than ever. 467-9545

PAUL'S APPLIANCE REPAIR SERVICE: Only \$19.50 for service calls in Bay/Waveland area. We buy, sell or trade all appliances. 90 day warranty on all sales and service. 493-0822.

PERRY'S APPLIANCE REPAIR: Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and stoves. Sales on rebuilt machines and I'll even haul away your broken machines. Call 332-1073.

REBUILT WASHERS AND DRYERS: Fully guaranteed. We have parts and do repair. We also buy used appliances. Bay Washers, 467-6122.

This spot could be YOURS! Call us today at 467-5474 to get more information on how you could advertise your business with us.

83 Items For Sale

ABOVE GROUND POOL, 18'x48, sand filter, 1HP, pump & motor, auto chlorinator and ladder. Purchaser must remove. 467-5456.

FIRE WOOD FOR SALE. \$70. per truck load. Delivered. \$40. half truck load. (601)916-9337.

FOR SALE: SNO-BLOCK ICE Machine with 16 freezing cans. approx. 25 yrs. old. \$500. 467-9750.

PASTEL WINNIE THE POOH PLAYPEN. Barely used. \$20. 467-0240

PATI BANISTER PRINT "Morning Mist" Artist's Proof. Excellent condition, framed at Williams Gallery, double matted, Retail \$975. Asking \$750.00. 228-255-7462.

84 Furniture

FURNITURE SALES OR 60 DAYS same as cash. Dollar Rental/Retail. 467-9545.

85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: TILEWORKS COLLECTION. Laufen, Marazzi: 99¢ to \$1.99 sq.ft. 985-641-7184 contractor prices. Floors, Doors n' More, Inc., 1-10 & Old Spanish Trail, Slidell. Next to Levis Chevrolet. 2nd Slidell exit.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING: Galv. Alum 99¢ lengths to 24', metal bldgs, carports, painted metal 16 colors. Purlins, metal bldg. components. Roofing & sidings form \$14.98 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, La. Exit 263, I-10. 800-842-6646.

88 Tools, Machinery

Cuevas Tractor Equipment Sale
Feb 1st - 28th
22011 Hwy 43 South, Picayune
(228) 255-0228

90 Pets

PUPPIES FREE TO GOOD HOME! Medium size, breed unknown. Call 467-2287 after 5PM.

96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, Tools, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

WE BUY OLD WATCHES, WRIST, & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces. \$\$\$Cash\$\$\$ Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

128 Boats & Motors

1994 STAR CRAFT PONTOON boat 20' fishing model, 75 HP Mercury, very clean, \$7,900. 466-6492.

1999 JAVELIN 17' BASS BOAT, 115 Johnson, \$6,900. 466-6492.

1999 YAMAHA 9.9 FOUR STROKE 25" never been used, \$1,775. 466-6492.

2001 XPRESS 17' 90 HP YAMAHA, 24 volt trolling motor, \$8,000. 466-6492.

130 Motorcycles

2003 BAYOU 250 \$2699. WE SELL Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki, Polaris, BMW, Gas Gas, Husqvarna, Sea Doo. Hattiesburg Cycles 800-807-0114. Call today. Let us save you money.

136 Automobiles

1985 OLDSMOBILE REGENCY Color Blue. Call 467-1955

1991 LINCOLN TOWN CAR: Runs/drives great. Most mechanicals rebuilt, have receipts. Silver blue (faded) ext., blue leather int. \$3,000. 228-467-2989.

1992 NISSAN 240 SX: Everything new. Transmission rebuilt, no motor. \$15,000.00. Invested. Asking \$300 (228) 342-8613.

1992 NISSAN STANZA: Transmission rebuilt, motor runs good. Wrecked in front. Asking \$350 (228) 342-8613.

1995 FORD MUSTANG GT Convertible, V8 engine, all power, a/c, excellent condition. \$7500. Call 452-1674.

1995 FORD TAURUS \$2,800.00 B/O Super good condition. Radio, A/C. Electric windows. 11090 Missouri St. Bay St. Louis. 463-9855

1997 NISSAN MAXIMA GLE. 66K: Black, leather, tinted windows, electric, fully loaded, \$12,700/obo. Call 228-586-5677.

3.9% INTEREST ON 200 LATE model vehicles only at Jimmy Stockstill Motors, exclusively through areas largest lender, 01 Lincoln Town Car, perfect \$349 a month, 01 Yukon, low miles, \$389 a month, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

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138 Trucks, Vans

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JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS. Picayune, has guaranteed financing on nice vehicles. 99 Chevy S-10 Blazer, loaded, 33,000 miles, \$229 a month. 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

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147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED, utilities and cable. 467-8245.

1 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC. Carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. 100'B Blaize Ave. BSL, \$350/month, \$300/deposit. Pet/free. Lease required. Call 463-0043.

1c MOVES YOU IN!! Call Signature Lake Apartments for details. 452-9901.

1BR APARTMENT FOR RENT. ALL utilities paid. \$200/month. 609-0753

2 BEDROOM APT. FOR RENT. 1 bathroom, washer/dryer hookups, total electric, \$500 per month + deposits (228)586-0053

201 SOUTH NECAISE, SMALL 2BR, central air/heat, quiet, water paid, off street parking. \$425/mo., \$425/dep. Call 467-1234.

2BR/1BA \$435/MONTH. \$350/dep. 342-1782.

2BR/1BA COMPLETELY FURNISHED. Waveland, apt. Includes water/cable, indoor pool. 1 block from beach. Pet free. \$650/month. (985)641-5514

2BR/1BA NEW CONSTRUCTION in county. \$600/month. \$300/deposit. 467-5601

4BR/2BA, ALSO 2BR/1BA Apartments available. Pet free environment. Water included. Security, rent deposit, year lease required. Call 467-9630.

The Waverly Apartments

NOW LEASING

Brand New!! 1, 2 & 3 BR's

New Special: \$999 Deposit 1st Month Rent FREE

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EFFICIENCY APARTMENT FOR Rent. All utilities paid. \$400 monthly. Call 466-0693 or 493-2475.

FURNISHED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT, all utilities furnished w/cable tv. Quiet neighborhood, can walk to shopping center. \$100/deposit. \$125/week. 467-2189 or 463-0074.

LIVE FREE IN WAVELAND under new management Oak Park Apartments offers 2 months free rent to qualified applicants. 467-6882

NEW DUPLEX 2BR/1BA. CUSTOM cabinets, ceramic tile, Berber carpet. \$650/mo. 547-7023.

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL \$99 MOVE in. 1-2-3 Bedrooms. Pelican Pointe Apts 467-3388

SEPARATE 1BR/1BA APARTMENT in Historic beach front home, B.S.L. New restoration, amazing views. \$695/month. 493-7733.

SMALL STUDIO APT. NEAR MAGIC \$435/mo includes utilities. 228-669-8324.

WATERFRONT: 1500 SQ.FT. APT. Dinning-room, 2 bedroom, new kitchen appliance, new carpet/flooring, large decks, pet free, drug free, \$600/month+deposit. 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH WATERFRONT, newly renovated, pet-free. \$450/month, \$400/deposit includes water and sewer. 1-985-649-0826.

2BD/2BA \$425/ MONTH \$425/ DEP W/D hookups. 466-5082

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

14X70 MOBILE HOME 2BD/2BA covered front and back porches. Best offer. 601-749-9541. 601-273-1141

1974, 12X60 MOBILE HOME. Re-conditioned, stove, ref., some furniture inc. Must be moved from BSL property. \$8500. 601-264-1975.

1998 16X80 MOBILE HOME 4 LOTS, 3BR/2BA excellent condition. Ready to move in, owner financing available, great location, close to town. \$45,000 (228)255-0006 or (601)916-4189

2000 16X80 MOBILE HOME WITH 2 LOTS 3BR/2BA excellent condition, ready to move in, owner financing available, great location, close to town. \$42,000 (228)255-0006 or (601)916-4189

REPO: DOUBLEWIDE, LIKE NEW. Lenders must sell. \$25,000 985-727-3052

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1 BEDROOM COUNTRY COTTAGE: Appliance included, unfurnished. \$450/mo., \$450/dep. Call 255-6079.

2/3 BDRM HOME FRESHLY painted, new appliances 1 block from beach. Cntl h/air, corner lot. \$525 mo. pet/free Key Properties 467-0600

2BR/1BA CENT/A&H. APPLIANCES sewer, garbage, water, yard, maintained included. \$550/mo., \$250/dep. Pet/free 467-0733 467-7300

2BR/1BA LIVING, KITCHEN, Dining utility, and hobby rooms, air/heat, partially fenced yard, garage porch. Near beach. Pet/free. Year lease. 504-341-9504.

3BR/1BA DUPLEX, WASHER/DRYER, A/C, 518B Genin St. BSL \$450 dep. \$550 per month. 467-5348.

6BR/3.5BA TWO STORY HOME in Waveland. 3200 sq ft great neighborhood. Walk to library, beach and public fishing pier. \$1,100 a month and \$1,100 deposit. Call 467-4449 Mon. through Fri. 9am-6pm or 493-3228 evenings and weekends.

BEAUTIFUL 2500 SQ. FT 4BR/3BA home in Diamondhead. Totally remodeled throughout. Formal living room, dining room, and great room. New ceramic tile flooring and new carpet. Across from golf course. \$1,295/month plus deposit. Call Elton 1-800-927-4593.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM 1 BATH Located on the water, fenced yard. \$500 1 month \$250 deposit. Pet free. 467-2272.

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA, new construction, 168 & 172 Felicity, \$775; 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen St. Townhome. 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate, 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR. 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

VERY SPECIAL 3BDRM/2BATH home hi ceilings, beaded board, cntl heat/air-L-shaped covered porch, full-outside city limits on 5 acres. \$600 mo pet/free. Key Properties 467-0600

WAVELAND NEAR THE BEACH: Market St. 1400+/3br/1 1/2ba/cent h&a. Wash/dry conn/patio/car port/quiet. \$700/mo/\$600/dep. H. Wheeler Realty Svc. 228-547-9208.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2BR/1BA MOBILE HOME 97 MOD-EL partially furnished all electric. North Hancock County. \$350/month \$200/dep. 214-9953.

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT IN Kin, Pet/free. 255-9397.

COUNTRY LIVING: NORTH HANCOCK County Ceasar-Necaise Road. 2/bedroom, 1/bath, \$375/month. 3/bedroom, 2/bath, \$475/month. Deposit required. Over looking lake. 228-255-4067.

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FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM TRAILER, cable, utilities furnished. \$150/week. \$300/deposit. 463-1872.

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159 Houses For Sale

3 BEDROOM RAISED HOME
w/mtl heat/air, lg rooms throughout,
on partly fenced 100X100 grounds.
\$57,500.00. Key Properties
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A MUST SEE 313 ULMAN AVENUE
B.S.L./Old Town. Residential/Com-
mercial, C-2, 4br/2ba, 1 handicap &
exterior ramp, 2 private back entrances,
great room/other large & spacious.
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BEAUTIFUL 2500 SQ. FT 4BR/3BA
home in Diamondhead. Totally
remodeled throughout. Formal living
room, dining room, and great room.
New ceramic tile flooring and new
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4BR/2ba + 2 1/2-baths. Sundek,
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CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Total
Remodel! Everything new 3BR/2BA
near beach, Waveland. Large lot,
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I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR
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NO CREDIT CHECK \$800/MONTH
Owner Financing, Acre Plus Pompa-
no St., off St. Joseph, Waveland.
New 3br/2bath, brick, fireplace, ca-
thedral ceiling. Cost \$125,000,
\$6,000/down. Gold Coast, 228-467-
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OWNER FINANCE 2BR/1BA FIXER-
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w/total note \$400. Gold Coast 228-
467-4479

WALK TO BEACH: 1 ACRE PLUS.
1br/ba, new a/c, \$57,300. 120 Cedar
Point Road off Dunbar. Gold Coast,
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WAVELAND: 3 BDRM 1-1/2 BATH
home on a seldom traveled street.
Cntrl heat/air, range & refrigerator.
\$65,000. Owner will finance. Call
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THOMAS L. FAIRFIELD, JR. PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
ET AL.

CAUSE NO. 2002-079
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF BEDFORD
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AT LAW OF BEDFORD COLUMBUS YOUNG,
DECEASED. THE HEIRS AT LAW OF HENRY
YOUNG, DECEASED AND THE HEIRS AT LAW
OF AUDREY YOUNG NARVAZ, DECEASED
You have been made Defendants in the suit filed
in this Court in the matter of determining heirs
with the Plaintiff seeking a court judgment. There
are no other persons than you in this action.
You are summoned to appear and defend against
said Complaint to Determine Heirship at
9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 17th day of March, 2003,
in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County
Court House at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.
(Highway 90 Courtroom) and in case of your fail-
ure to appear and defend a judgment will be
entered against you for the money or other things
demanded in the Complaint.
You are not required to file an answer or other
pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued
under my hand and the seal of said Court, the
3rd day of February, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Chancery Clerk
of Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Larrnell Scarborough
DEPUTY CLERK
02/09; 02/16; 02/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MURIEL KEELAN CHAMPAGNE, DECEASED
AS MURIEL KEELAN CHAMPAGNE, PETITIONER
VS
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MURIEL KEELAN
CHAMPAGNE, DECEASED
AND THE SAME AS MURIEL KEELAN CHAM-
PAGNE, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2003-92
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

To HEIRS AT LAW OF MURIEL KEELAN
CHAMPAGNE, DECEASED
A) Unknown Heirs At Law of Muriel Keelan
Champagne, Deceased, whose last known place
of residence, post office address and street
address are unknown after diligent search and
inquiry, if alive and if deceased, their heirs at law
or devisees, whose last known places of resi-
dence, post office addresses, and street address-
es are unknown after diligent search and
inquiry.
(B) Any and all other persons having or claiming
any right, title or interest in and to the hereinafter
described property and in the estate of the Petitioner,
Lot 18, MRS. JOHN FAYARD SUBDIVISION,
Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat
of said subdivision on file and of record in the
Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County,
Mississippi.
You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit
filed in this Court by Robert J. Champagne, Jr.
in the matter of the estate of Muriel Keelan
Champagne, Deceased, 2001 Route 46 East,
Suite 410, Parsippany, NJ 07054-1315.
The Complaint filed against you has initiated a
civil action alleging legal ownership of the above
described property and interest to establish heirs
and be placed in possession.
You are summoned to appear and defend
against the Petition filed against you in this action
at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 17th day of March,
2003, before the Honorable Jim Persons in the
courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex,
Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. If you fail
to appear or respond, a judgment by default will
be entered against you for the relief demanded in
the Petition.
You are required to file an answer or other
pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you
file an answer, you are required to mail or deliver
a written response to the Petition filed against you
in this action to the Attorney for the Petitioner,
Robert J. Champagne, Jr., 142 Main Street, Bay St.
Louis, Mississippi, 39520. You must file the original
of your response with the Clerk of this Court
within a reasonable time after said date.
WITNESS my signature and official seal this
5th day of February, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK OF
HANCOCK COUNTY
BY: LARRNELLS SCARBOROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK
01/19; 01/26; 02/02; 02/09/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RITA DELIA ROCHE, DECEASED
JOSEPH F. CLARKE, JR. EXECUTOR
NO. 2002-23
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the Last Will and Testamentary
of the Estate of Rita Delia Roche, deceased,
were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery
Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 5th
day of April, 2002, and all persons having claims
against said estate are hereby notified to present
their claims to Clerk of said Court and to have
them probated and allowed within 90 days from
the date of the first publication of this notice,
failure to do so will bar this claim.
This 28th day of January, 2003
(SEAL)

Timothy Kellar
Larrnell Scarborough
Tim A. Kellar, Clerk

Aubert & Pejaras, L.L.C.
By: David M. Gold, Pro Hac Vice
506 East Rutland Street
Covington, Louisiana 70433
Telephone: (985) 809-2000
Facsimile: (985) 809-2001
02/09; 02/16; 02/23/03

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Super-
visors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Missis-
sippi, until 11:00 a.m., March 3, 2003, and
shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing
the following:
(1) 500 GPM 2000-gallon tanker pump, for East
Hancock Fire Protection District
Bid specifications are available, upon request,
from the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock
County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P. O. Box
429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 or by call-
ing (228) 467-0172.
All envelopes must be marked on the outside of
the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the
item bid on and the bid opening date.
All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Han-
cock County Chancery Clerk's Office before
11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all
bids.
Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors
of Hancock County, Mississippi, this 22nd
day of January, 2003.
(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean
02/09; 02/16/03

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
EMILY EDKINS MICHEL, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
LARRY RICHARD GIBSON, JR. DEFENDANT
Civil Action No. 2002-564
SUMMONS

RULE 61 (BY PUBLICATION)
TO: LARRY RICHARD GIBSON, JR.
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed
in this Court by EMILY EDKINS MICHEL, Plain-
tiff, seeking Compensatory Damages, Parental
Rights and Related Relief.
You are summoned to appear and defend
against said complaint or petition at 9:30 o'clock
A.M. on the 5th day of March, 2003, in the court-
room of the said Hancock County Courthouse in
Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure
to appear and defend a judgment will be entered
against you for the money or other things
demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other
pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court,
this 23rd day of January, 2003.
(Seal)

Tim A. Kellar, Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
Janet McArthur
Deputy Clerk
01/26; 02/02; 02/09/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY MISSISSIPPI
VICTOR J. LABAT PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND SAMUEL
J. SHEPPARD, IF LIVING, AND IF DEAD HIS
UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND DEVISEES
AND ANY AND ALL PARTIES HAVING OR
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR EQUITABLE INTER-
EST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED
LAND, BEING SITUATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI, PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOW: TO-WIT:
LOT 141, 2ND WARD CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS,
HANCOCK COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

CAUSE NO. 2002-864
SUMMONS
TO: SAMUEL J. SHEPPARD, If living, and if
dead, his unknown heirs-at-law and devisees,
whose last known place of residence is unknown.
You have been made a Defendant in a Complaint
filed in the CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK
County, Mississippi, by VICTOR J. LABAT, seek-
ing CONFIRMATION OF TAX TITLE. Defendants
other than you are the State of Mississippi and
any other person claiming the real property
described above.

You are required to mail or hand deliver, a copy
of a written Answer, either admitting or denying
each allegation in the Complaint, to MICHAEL D.
HAAS, JR., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is
201 NORTH SECOND STREET, BAY ST.
LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED, OR DE-
LIVERED, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER
THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003, WHICH IS
THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS
SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO
MAILED, OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU
FOR THE MONEY, OR OTHER THINGS DE-
MANDED, IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your response
with the Clerk of this court within a reasonable
amount of time after said date.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court on
this 6th day of February, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR,
CHANCERY CLERK
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
P. O. Box 550
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520
By: Kim Bonano Deputy Clerk
02/09; 02/16; 02/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AUDREY YOUNG HARRIS PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF
BEDFORD YOUNG AKA. BEDFORD YOUNG, JR.,
DECEASED. THE HEIRS AT LAW OF
YOUNG AKA. YOUNG DECEASED. THE HEIRS
AT LAW OF BEDFORD COLUMBUS YOUNG,
DECEASED. THE HEIRS AT LAW OF HENRY
YOUNG, DECEASED AND THE HEIRS AT LAW
OF AUDREY YOUNG NARVAZ, DECEASED
You have been made Defendants in the suit filed
in this Court in the matter of determining heirs
with the Plaintiff seeking a court judgment. There
are no other persons than you in this action.
You are summoned to appear and defend against
said Complaint to Determine Heirship at
9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 17th day of March, 2003,
in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County
Court House at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.
(Highway 90 Courtroom) and in case of your fail-
ure to appear and defend a judgment will be
entered against you for the money or other things
demanded in the Complaint.
You are not required to file an answer or other
pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued
under my hand and the seal of said Court, the
3rd day of February, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Chancery Clerk
of Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Larrnell Scarborough
DEPUTY CLERK
02/09; 02/16; 02/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
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Lot 18, MRS. JOHN FAYARD SUBDIVISION,
Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat
of said subdivision on file and of record in the
Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County,
Mississippi.
You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit
filed in this Court by Robert J. Champagne, Jr.
in the matter of the estate of Muriel Keelan
Champagne, Deceased, 2001 Route 46 East,
Suite 410, Parsippany, NJ 07054-1315.
The Complaint filed against you has initiated a
civil action alleging legal ownership of the above
described property and interest to establish heirs
and be placed in possession.
You are summoned to appear and defend
against the Petition filed against you in this action
at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 17th day of March,
2003, before the Honorable Jim Persons in the
courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex,
Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. If you fail
to appear or respond, a judgment by default will
be entered against you for the relief demanded in
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in this action to the Attorney for the Petitioner,
Robert J. Champagne, Jr., 142 Main Street, Bay St.
Louis, Mississippi, 39520. You must file the original
of your response with the Clerk of this Court
within a reasonable time after said date.
WITNESS my signature and official seal this
5th day of February, 2003.
(SEAL)

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Entertainment

'Music in the Air' set for March 9

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Soprano Judith D'Angelo, professional musician who has sung with New Orleans Opera, Carnegie Hall Festival Chorus, Gulf Coast Opera, Coast Chorale and the Meistersingers, is the featured vocalist for this year's "Music in the Air". Ms. D'Angelo is executive director and CEO of Levert Interests, executive director of Coast Performing Arts, Board Member of Friends of the Saenger, and former Program Chairman of Gulf Coast Symphony Guild.

The 3rd Annual "Music in the Air" will be held on March 9 at Palace in the Pass, 401 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, and is sponsored by the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$50 for patrons and \$20 for general admission.

Patron admission includes reserved seating and a pre-concert party at 1 p.m., hosted upstairs at the Palace in the Pass. The view from the balcony overlooking the beach is spectacular. Chamber music will be played while patrons are served champagne and delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres by Pass Christian's Tigre's Restaurant.

General admission is \$20 per person to attend performance from 3-5 p.m. Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres for all in attendance will be held immediately following the performance to mingle and to meet



Sopranos Judith D'Angelo and Deana Mullins

our outstanding musicians.

Accompanying Soprano D'Angelo will be Pianist Rhonda Twiner Lyle. Ms. Lyle is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Music Education. Ms. Lyle will also be part of a chamber trio, with flutist Rita Hall and violinist Penelope Klei. Flutist Rita Hall, a native of Kentucky, received a bachelor's degree from Murray State University and a masters degree from the University of Louisville. Violinist Penelope Klei was born and raised near Detroit.

Michigan and studied under Gordon Staples, concert master of the Detroit Symphony. Ms. Klei graduated from Michigan's Schoolcraft College, with a

professional career in Michigan. Upon retirement in 2002, moved to Pass Christian where she is enamored the coast with her talent.

Guest artists are Soprano Deana Mullins and an ensemble from the Coast Chorale. Soprano Mullins is a professional musician who has performed with Musica Sacra of Mobile, the Meistersingers of Hattiesburg, Gulf Coast Opera and the Coast Chorale, among others. She currently serves at publicity chairman for the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra Guild and secretary for the Coast Performing Arts Board of Directors.

"Music in the Air" is a fundraiser for the Pass Christian Chamber of

Commerce - Education Fund, which is used primarily for service scholarships for two Pass Christian High School Students, one music scholarship, girls and boys state scholarships, and to support the youth leadership Pass Christian.

The "Corporation for National Service" gives \$500 matched with a \$500 local scholarship to two high school students. Each high school in the United States may select two students to receive this \$1000. These students are recognized for performing outstanding service to their community.

The youth leadership program is for 9th grade students who live in Pass Christian. The students are selected based on an evaluation of the applications submitted by the students to the selection committee. Funds also are for awards to outstanding students, teachers, and other education endeavors in the public schools.

Advance tickets are available at Hillyer House, Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, Coast Performing Arts, Southern Printing and Silkscreening and Russell's Shell Service. For additional information please contact the Pass Chamber at 452-2252.

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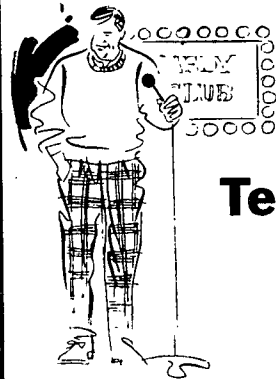
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Mel and Pam Tillis to appear together At Casino Magic

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mel Tillis and daughter Pam Tillis will bring their multi-platinum, Country Music Hall of Fame talents together to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8 at 9 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$29.95, \$34.95 and \$39.95 and available at Casino Magic Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

Although each is usually a solo act, Mel and Pam Tillis have joined forces to share the stage, bringing nearly 50 years of country music and two generations together. Country music great, Mel Tillis, started his 47-year performing career in the early 1950's with a group called the Westerners while serving as a baker in the United States Air Force, stationed in Okinawa, Japan. In 1956, Webb Pierce's recording of Mel's song "I'm Tired," launched his musical career.

In 1976, Mel was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame, and that same year was named the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year. Mel's songs have been recorded by such artists as Brenda Lee, Charley Pride and Ricky Skaggs, The Oak Ridge Boys, George Strait, and Kenny Rogers' version of "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town".

Mel has appeared in more than a dozen feature films including "Every Which Way but Loose" with Clint Eastwood, "Cannonball Run" I and II, and "Smokey and the Bandit II" with Burt Reynolds, and the lead with Roy Clark in "Uphill All the Way".

For Mel's oldest daughter Pam, her project entitled "It's All Relative, Tillis

Sings Tillis," says as much about her own successes and status in country music as it does about her famous father. She selected an eclectic range of talent to complete her tribute album to her father, including Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Marty Stuart, Rhonda Vincent, Trisha Yearwood, The Jordanaires, Delbert McClinton and Asleep At The Wheel's Ray Benson. Pam's siblings and a few of Mel's grandchildren also get a chance to pay honor to Mel by singing on "Come On And Sing".

Pam's musical talent has simply always existed -- like the seeds of the song ideas that Mel says were just there. After a childhood surrounded with music, Pam left college in Knoxville and moved to California settling for a time in Sausalito where she was a jazz singer. However, Pam saw little success from that time including on her first major label contract; so at the advice of her family and friends, she moved back to Nashville and started anew in 1979. During the next decade as a songwriter, she began seeing the fruits of her hard work with cuts by

Chaka Khan, Highway 101, Conway Twitty and others. The Nashville community embraced her and her name was now synonymous with talent instead of "Tillis." Tim DuBois recognized this also and signed her to Arista Records in 1989 for what would become a long-standing and successful relationship. Her first Arista album debuted in 1990 entitled "Put Yourself In My Place," and resulted in her first number one hit; "Don't Tell Me What To Do," which became an anthem of sorts for Pam. In the years that followed, Pam earned the CMA Horizon Award, Female Vocalist of the Year, video of the year and a Grammy along the way. Five out of seven of her albums have certified either gold or platinum and produced six number one hits and 14 Top fives.

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Mardi Gras '03

Carnival comes to the Gulf Coast

Mardi Gras has a long and storied past

When the French explorer, Pierre le Moyne, the Sieur d'Iberville, set up a camp about 60 miles south of the future La Nouvelle Orléans, he named the site "Pointe du Mardi Gras." It was apropos, since the date was March 3, 1699, Mardi Gras day. The Europeans brought their carnival customs, and Creole society was soon masking and dancing at private balls while revelers in disguise roamed the streets.

The year 1837 marked the first documented procession of masked revelers in New Orleans. By the mid-1840s, the carousing and drunken streetcapades had grown so wild, relatively sober citizens lobbied to ban all public carnival celebrations.

But six men from Mobile, where Mardi Gras celebrations had been held as early as 1708 and parades since 1831, stepped in. Together with 13 New Orleanians, they

founded the first Mardi Gras organization and named it for a reference to "Comus with his crew" from John Milton's poem, "A Mask Presented at Ludlow Castle." In Roman mythology, Comus was the god of mirth and revelry. A follower of Dionysus, he was represented as a drunken youth bearing a torch. In Milton's poetic masque,

Comus is a rascal, the son of wine god Bacchus and Circe, daughter of the Sun.)

With a little whimsy and archaic spelling, the Mobile Six formed the Mistick Krewe of Comus, and in 1857 they paraded by torchlight on Mardi Gras evening on two

mule-drawn floats.

They decided the parade wasn't enough. The Krewe of Comus wanted something grander to celebrate Mardi Gras, so they formed a secret society in keeping with their Masonic origins, and issued 3,000 invitations to a ball which became the event of the year for New Orleans society. The first queen of Comus was

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Mardi Gras Lingo

Coming to terms with Carnival

Why purple, green and gold for Carnival colors? When is "lundi gras"? How did the word "krewe" originate? What's a flambeaux? Learn the lingo and boeuf up your Mardi Gras vocabulary.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of Lent, it's the Wednesday after Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). Catholics typically attend church, where a priest blesses them by drawing a cross of ashes on the forehead, a symbol of penitence and the frailty of life.

BALL (BAL MASQUE)

A masked ball, where a krewe's court is presented to the club members. Oldline krewes throw decorous balls, often introducing debutante daughters of members.

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The Coast celebrates Mardi Gras 2003

It's party time!

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Mardi Gras Season. Festivities, parades, and carnival balls are celebrated on the Gulf Coast during February & March. The final parades are held Fat Tuesday, March 4, 2003 making way for the Lenten Season.

LOCAL PARADES

FEB 14

TIMBER RIDGE MARDI GRAS PARADE

Theme: As You Like It
12 p.m. Starting at Timber Ridge pool, take a right on Royal Oak, right on Fairway, left on Baywood, right on Basswood, left on Ashwood and left on Fairway to disband at Golf Club.

FEB 23

KREWE OF NEREIDS MARDI GRAS PARADE

Approximately 100 units participate in this 1pm parade. Choctaw Plaza on Highway 90, Waveland. (228) 467-7635.

MAR 1 KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD PARADE

12 pm, Diamondhead Community Center to front gate, east on County Road (about 2 miles) to new country club. (228) 255-7297.

MAR 1 KREWE OF KIDS

11 am at North Bay Elementary School, Cedar Point, Bay St. Louis. (228) 467-0506.

* Note: The Krewe of Kids is looking for candidates for king and queen of the parade. Any children between the ages of five and 12 are eligible. Send pertinent information to Lisa Cowand, 1005 Dunvar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

MAR 2 ST. PAUL'S CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION MARDI GRAS PARADE

1 pm, at Davis and Handy Street, Pass Christian. (228) 452-7359.

MAR 4 - FAT TUESDAY KREWE OF REAL PEOPLE

1pm, Main Street, Railroad Street and Old Spanish Trail, Bay St. Louis. (228) 466-3324.

ELSEWHERE ON THE COAST

FEB 15 ORANGE GROVE KIDS PARADE

Klein and Dedeaux Roads, 2 pm. Theme is

"United We Stand" with approximately 50 floats. (228) 832-3028.

FEB 22

BILOXI SECONDLINERS

Main Street, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Reynoir Street, Biloxi. Approximately 50 units will participate in the 1 pm "Dancing in the Street" parade featuring royal throws. (228) 374-6825, www.biloxi.ms.us.

FEB 22

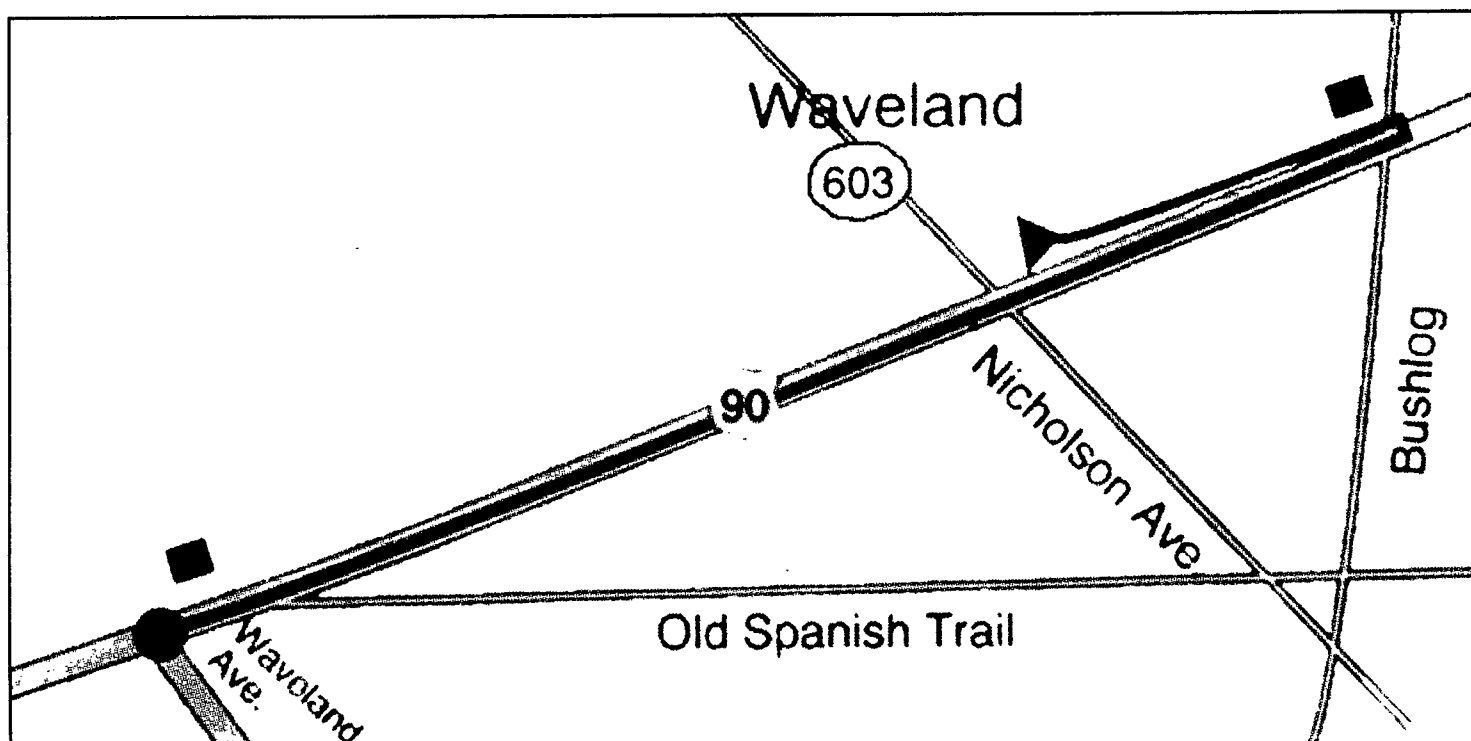
GAUTIER MEN'S CLUB MARDI GRAS PARADE

7 pm, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County Campus, Highway 90 and circles Singing River Mall, Gautier. (228) 935-5511.

FEB 22

ORANGE GROVE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION PARADE

2 pm, Community Road and Klein Road, goes west



Krewe of Nereids Parade (Waveland), Sunday, Feb. 23, 1 p.m.

on Dedeaux Road to Hwy 49, north on Hwy 49 to Rayburn Plaza. (228) 832-0079.

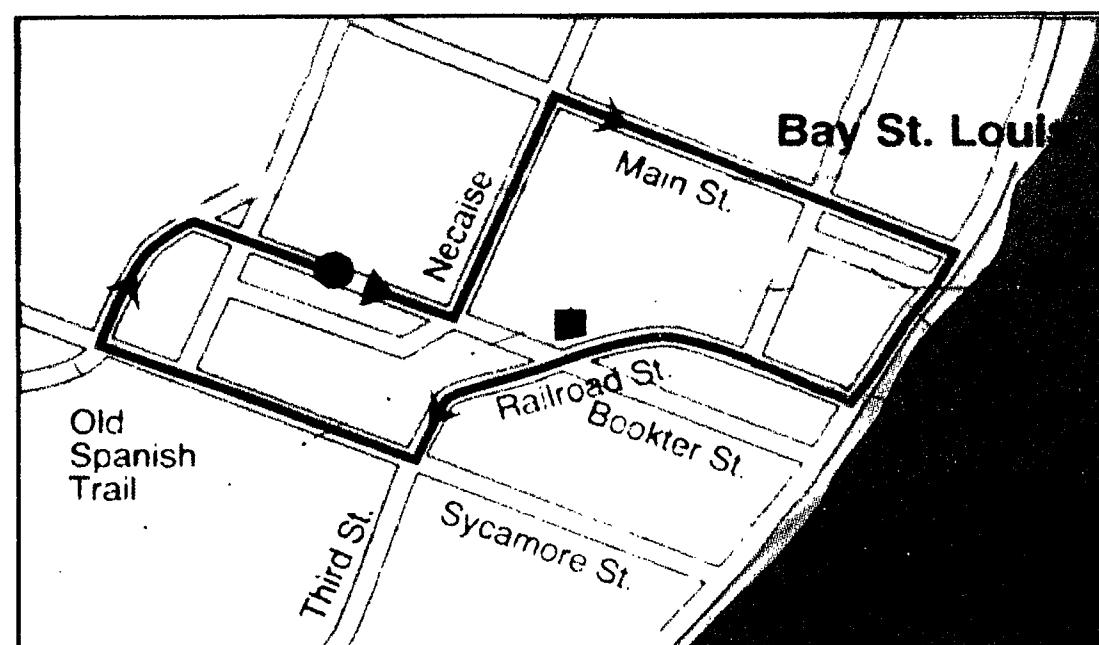
FEB 23 LONG BEACH CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION PARADE

2 pm, Lumpkin Stadium on Cleveland and Jeff Davis Ave. (228) 864-8829.

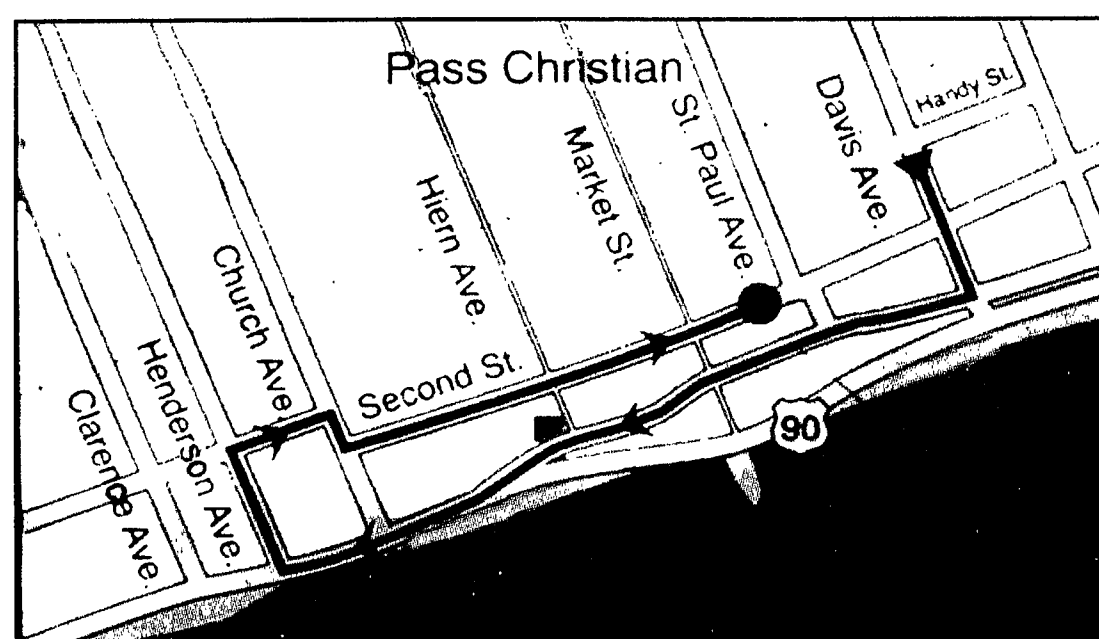
FEB 26 OCEAN SPRINGS ELKS LODGE MARDI GRAS BALL

Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 7 pm, tickets \$30.00 couple. (228) 872-2501, (228) 875-7046, (228) 875-4424.

MAR 1 JACKSON COUNTY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION MARDI



Krewe of Real People Parade (BSL), Tuesday, March 4, 1 p.m.



St. Paul Parade (Pass Christian), Sunday, March 2, 1 p.m.

GRAS PARADE

1:00pm parade, Market Street, Jackson Avenue and Pascagoula Street in downtown Pascagoula. (228) 497-3269.

MAR 1 KREWE OF GEMINI (DAY PARADE)

2 pm, 19th Street and 25th Avenue, Gulfport. (228) 452-7639 or (228) 864-0337.

MAR 2 NORTH BAY MARDI GRAS PARADE

2 pm, St. Martin Library on LeMoyné Blvd will wind its way through the D'Iberville Township. (228) 388-1925.

MAR 3 GULF COAST CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION CORONATION BALL

King d'Iberville and Queen Ixolib crowned to reign over Mardi Gras 2002. Maids, dukes, and past royalty are presented. 8 pm - 1 am. Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center. (228) 432-8806.

MAR 4 GULF COAST CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION (DAY PARADE)

11 am, US 90, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, and Main Street, Biloxi. (228) 432-8806.

MAR 4 KREWE OF NEPTUNE PARADE

3 pm, Main Street, Highway 90, Lameuse St, Washington Loop, Reynoir St, Porter Ave, Howard Ave, Biloxi. (228) 436-4381.

KREWE OF GEMINI NIGHT PARADE

6 pm, "Mystical Magic" 13th Street, 15th Street, Highway 49, 15th Street 21st Ave, 24th Ave, 17th Street, Gulfport. (228) 452-7639 or (228) 864-0337.

GULF COAST CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION NIGHT PARADE

5:30pm, "The World of Adventure" Main Street, Lameuse St, Martin Luther King Jr., Reynoir St, Highway 90, Porter Ave, Howard Ave, Biloxi. (228) 432-8806.

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Lingo – Mardi Gras has a language of its own

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Attendance is by invitation only and limited to krewe members and their guests.

A few newer krewes have refashioned the balls into bashes with celebrity guests and nationally recognized entertainment. Some are open to the public for the price of a ticket. To emphasize the new format they renamed the parties: Endymion throws an Extravaganza, Bacchus a Rendezvous, and Orpheus, the Orpheuscade.

BOEUF GRAS (beuf grah) French for "fatted bull." Since the Middle Ages, it has heralded the feasting and festivities that precede the fasting and penitence of Lent. The fatted bull was killed on Monday, and the crowds gorged themselves on their last meat, trying to consume it all before midnight, when Lent began. The Boeuf Gras is a traditional theme float in the Rex parade.

CAPTAIN The chief organizer of a carnival krewe or organization.

CARNIVAL From Latin, it literally means "farewell to meat." Metaphorically, it's a temporary adieu to the pleasures of the flesh, as the multitudes gather to overindulge before Lent. The carnival season begins on Twelfth Night (January 6) and culminates on Mardi Gras day (Fat Tuesday).

COURT Ball royalty: the king, dukes, queen, maids, and pages. Only the Court of Rex is called the "Carnival Court."

DOUBLOONS Commemorative coins struck for individual krewes. They are designed with the krewe crest or emblem on one side and the parade and/or ball theme on the other. Some also imprint mottoes; for Rex, it's Pro bono publico, "For the common good." The Krewe of Rex tossed the first parade doubloons in 1960. Now usually made of aluminum, some have been minted of

bronze, sterling and real gold, given as call-out favors during balls. Rex alone has minted over 18 million doubloons since 1960, and now tosses out about 600,000 on Mardi Gras day.

FLAMBEAUX (plural, flam-boe) Multi-pronged long metal torches fueled by naphtha/kerosene and secured by straps slung about the waist. Before portable generators and battery-operated lights, they were the only way to illuminate the floats of night parades. Traditionally carried by white-robed African Americans, they began as a symbol of Haiti's independence, won in 1791 after slaves held a torch-light parade led by their priests.

FLOATS Mobile platforms or trucks, each extravagantly decorated to depict one subject related to the parade's theme that year. For instance, Pinocchio might dominate a float in a parade of fairytales or children's literature. Popular theme areas include mythology, history, fairytales, and pop culture. Masked krewe members dressed in keeping with the parade theme or float subject toss a variety of throws to the crowds below.

KREWE A variation of the word "crew," most carnival organizations, all are private and nonprofit, are known as krewes. The word was invented with a little creative spelling in 1857 by the first New Orleans carnival organization. The founders of the Mistick Krewe of Comus, named their group for a reference to "Comus with his crew" from John Milton's poem, "A Mask Presented at Ludlow-Castle." A few parading organizations are not called -krewes: Rex, Bacchus, Knights of Babylon, Knights of King Arthur, Corps de Napoleon, Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club.



A scene from last year's St. Paul Carnival Association Parade in Pass Christian.

MARDI GRAS INDIANS Beginning in the 18th century, runaway slaves were sometimes taken in by local Native Americans. In homage to their saviors, African Americans began to band together in tribal krewes like the Wild Magnolias, Wild Tchoupitoulas, and the Wild West, headed by chiefs rather than captains. Fashioning the incredibly elaborate costumes of feathers and beads, is a family affair, and the custom is handed down from father to son. The feathered show usually takes wing near

Claiborne and Orleans Avenues.

MASKERS Masked and costumed krewe members in parades or at balls.

PARADE A procession of floats, maskers, horses, motorcycles, marching bands, flambeaux carriers, and dancers. Parades begin about 12 days before Mardi Gras and end on Mardi Gras Day.

TABLEAU A scene enacted by masked krewe members at a Carnival ball. Staged before the dancing, it depicts the parade and/or ball's theme. Think of it as a

short, short, one-act mime.

THROWS Typically, plastic beads and cheap trinkets hurled by masked krewe members from passing floats. The usual suspects include beads (from plain round beads in Mardi Gras colors to light-up-and-flash crawfish and other swamp inhabitants), doubloons, and plastic cups. However, depending on the parade, the generosity of the masker, and the appeal of the crowd member, an energetic parade watcher could catch a rose, a stuffed animal, an Orpheus vir-

bloom (a virtual doubloon: a CD with video highlights of the previous year's parade footage), a plastic alligator, rubber snake, a Zulu coconut, spear, a krewzer (whirling disc of polyester that converts to a throw bag), and dozens of other interesting little and large tchotchkes.

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Tradition – Mardi Gras' storied past

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Mildred Lee, daughter of Confederate general Robert E. Lee, whose exploits the city still venerates with a monument at Lee Circle.

The parade and ball, with themes from mythology and literature, were so successful that party-minded New Orleanians decided more was better, and the krewes of Twelfth Night Revelers, Proteus, and Momus were formed. Their parades rolled through dusky evenings and dark nights lit only by torches. But that was about to change.

Russian Rule Yet

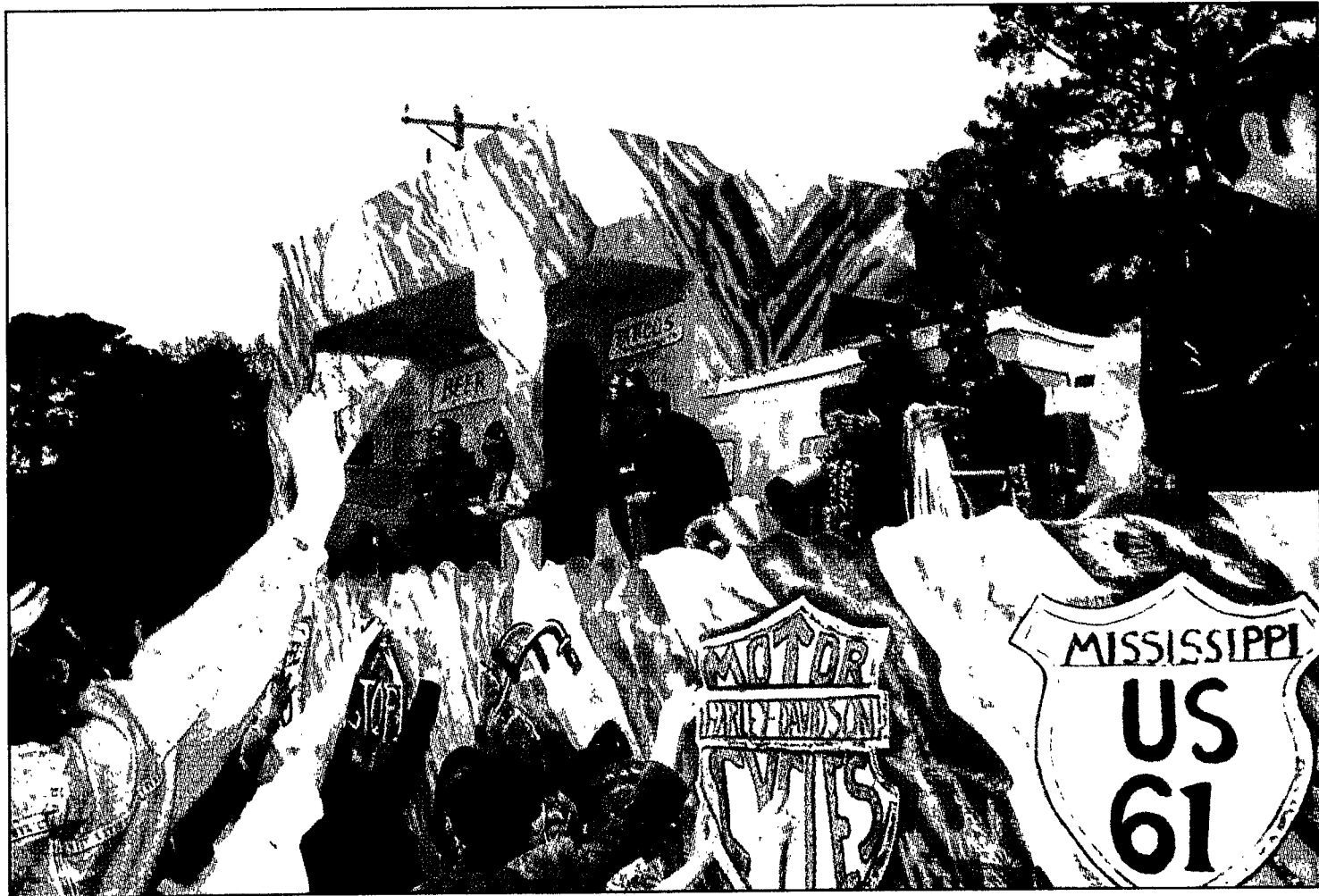
It was by sheer chance that Alexis Romanov, Grand Duke of Russia, landed in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. The year was 1872, and he was in single-minded pursuit of his latest amour, actress Lydia Thompson.

Nevertheless, to celebrate his visit, a group of 40 businessmen funded a day-time parade and called it "Rex."

Latin for "king," The first arrival of Rex was a surprise to most citizens. They learned of it on Lundi Gras (the day before Mardi Gras) through an announcement in the local newspapers ordering that normal business be shut down and the city handed over to "Rex, King of Carnival."

In the duke's honor, the newly formed Rex organization adopted the Romanov family colors of purple, green, and gold (which represent justice, fidelity, and power, respectively). They commissioned a band to play the Duke's favorite love song, "If Ever I Cease to Love," from the play Bluebeard, in which Thompson had a role.

After Alexis left, the colors stuck, the gala day parade continued, and a masked ball was added the next year in 1873. The song became the Mardi Gras anthem and theme of Rex,



A scene from last year's Krewe of Nereids parade in Waveland.

who mounted a permanent throne as King of Carnival and Monarch of Merriment with the motto Pro bono publico, "for the common good."

Amazingly, Rex' first arrival via riverboat at the foot of Canal Street, is still repeated every Lundi Gras. The mayor turns the city and its keys over to him in a public ceremony. That's how Mardi Gras became a legal

holiday in New Orleans.

The King of Cakes

King cakes came to New Orleans with the French, who substituted a tiny baby Jesus for the medieval bean. The cakes began as round, custard-filled pastries decorated with crowns. (These have lately become popular once again, made by French pastry shops around the city.)

Later, a brioche pastry

was rolled into an open circle like a crown, decorated with jewel-like sugars, and it was in this form that the king cake became a New Orleans carnival staple, made and served only between January 6 (the Feast of the Three Kings) and Mardi Gras.

Within all New Orleans king cakes, there is either a bean or a small plastic baby. At the Twelfth Night

Revelers ball, which kicks off the carnival season on January 6, whoever gets the golden bean is the queen. Her maids are designated by silver beans. (Now, of course, the court is chosen in advance, unlike their medieval counterparts who found the tokens at random.)

For two centuries, king cakes have been served at the Queen's breakfasts

which follow private Mardi Gras balls. Guests at any party given in the Mardi Gras season are almost guaranteed a slice of king cake. King cakes are even appearing at New Year's Eve feasts, a sweet finish to the fireworks.

For decades, the king cake set off a round of parties in the teen crowd. Whoever got the baby or bean at the first soiree gave a king cake party the following weekend. The chain continued until Mardi Gras. In some circles, the tradition lives on.

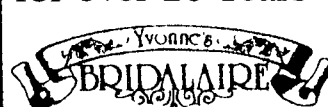
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GOING THE PARADE ROUTE

In the last two centuries, over 2,000 parades have rolled through the streets of New Orleans.

Every year, about 70+ parades with approximately 15 to 35 floats take to the streets of greater New Orleans through the days and nights of the Mardi Gras season. While there might be only 200 krewe maskers on one parade's floats, thousands can participate in the parade, including marching bands, dancers, motorcyclists, flambeaux carriers, clowns, and so forth. Savvy natives apply military precision to New Orleans Mardi Gras parade planning.

If you're interested in an all-out family party approach to weekend parades or Mardi Gras day, here's how the natives do it:

First, realize that there are no portable outdoor restroom facilities in the city at any time.

So, find an Uptown location on the parade route near a church or business that sells day-long use of restroom facilities. Plan to buy one pass for everyone in the party. Hands will be stamped, so there's no sharing. Next, pack a vehicle with supplies: coolers full of food and drink, utensils, dishware, folding tables, etc. Include ladders for the kids to sit or stand on while they yell wildly for throws. (Ladders have to be weighted for stability, and young children should always be accompanied by an adult.)

Cover the supplies with empty garbage bags to discourage theft and to use for trash. Park the loaded vehicle the night before the parade just off the route, near the restroom facilities. Make absolutely, positively sure it's not on the parade route, or you will be towed.

On parade day, one or more place-holders arrives early morning, hours before the parade rolls, to stake out a choice location and set up the goodies. (On Mardi Gras day, before daybreak is best.)

These hardy souls arrive equipped with breakfast, reading material, and chairs. About half an hour before parade time, a designated driver drops the party off at the chosen spot, now set up and ready to serve the hungry group.

A designated driver who wants to see the parade loads a bike in the drop-off vehicle and parks in the nearest legitimate spot, often a couple of miles away. Then he/she pedals back to the parade location and locks the bike up in the supply vehicle. Walking works, too.

COMPLETE NEW ORLEANS-AREA PARADE SCHEDULE

FEB 9
Slidellians
Slidell 1:00 pm

FEB 15
Bilge
Slidell 12:00 pm



Coast resident Pete Fountain leads his own "Half-fast Walking Krewe" through New Orleans' each Mardi Gras Day, winding up at Mike Anderson's Seafood restaurant on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter.

Krewe du Vieux
French Qtr 7:00 pm

FEB 16
Little Rascals
Metairie 12:00 pm

Perseus
Slidell 1:00 pm

FEB 21
Atlas
Metairie 7:00 pm

Oshun
Uptown 6:30 pm

Eve
Mandeville 7:00 pm

Gladiators
St. Bernard 7:00 pm

Pygmalion
Uptown 7:30 pm

Cleopatra
West Bank 6:30 pm

FEB 22
Pontchartrain
Uptown 12:00 pm

Shangri-La
Uptown 1:00 pm

Sparta
Uptown 6:00 pm

Pegasus
Uptown 6:45 pm

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West Bank 12:00 pm

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Metairie 6:00 pm

Olympia
Covington 5:30 pm

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FEB 23
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Carrollton
Uptown 12:00 pm

Alla
West Bank 12:00 pm

King Arthur and Merlin
Uptown 1:15 pm

Barkus
French Qtr 2:00 pm

Bards of Bohemia
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Rhea
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Mercury
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Centurions
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Morpheus
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Krewe of Triton
Metairie 7:00 pm

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Saturn
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Thor
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Chaos
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Excalibur
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West Bank 11:30 am

Iris
Uptown 12:00 pm

Ulysses
West Bank 12:30 pm

Tucks
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MCCA
Bogalusa 2:00 pm

Endymion
Mid City 4:15 pm

Isis
Metairie 6:00 pm

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Bush 9:00 am

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Okeanos
Uptown 11:00 am

Thoth
Uptown 11:30 am

Poseidon
West Bank 12:00 pm

Mercury
Metairie 12:00 pm

Mid City
Mid City 1:30 pm

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Bacchus
Uptown 5:15 pm

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MAR 3
Proteus
Uptown 5:15 pm

Orpheus
Uptown 5:45 pm

Zeus
Metairie 6:30 pm

FAT TUESDAY, MAR 4
Zulu
Uptown 8:30 am

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Uptown 10:00 am

Elks Orleans
Uptown 11:30 am

Crescent City
Uptown after Elks Orleans

Argus
Metairie 10:00 am

Elks Jefferson
Metairie 11:00 am

Jefferson
Metairie after Elks Jefferson

Grela
West Bank 11:00 am

Choctaw
West Bank 12:00 pm

Elks Gretna
West Bank after Grela

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Covington 11:00 pm

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Lacombe 1:30 pm

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